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## Halloween Is All Around Us!!!



STANLEY FALKOWSKI, owner of Cedar Brook Farms in West Suffield (just a minute down the street from South West Street in Feeding Hills), moves more pumpkins from his field to his roadside stand. The pick-your-own pumpkins are available through October 31st. IN PHOTO BELOW, this scene is a typical one throughout our community as everyone is getting ready for the big day on Tuesday, October 31st - HALLOWEEN. Advertiser News photos by

Joan Lussier.



## Cavallo Named AHS's Acting Deputy Principal

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo has been appointed acting deputy principal of the High School for the remainder of the school year, effective immediately.

Superintendent of School Bernard F. Ryder said Alan Cohen will fill the slot in the Guidance Department left vacant by Cavallo's promotion. Cohen has been teaching English at the Junior High School since being bumped from his job in the High School Guidance Office (when the Guidance Department at the Middle School was eliminated).

Last month, Ryder named Cavallo as the interim deputy principal (until the position could be posted for the 10 days required by the terms of the teachers' union contract).

Ryder said he had extended the posting to be sure the High School's newly appointed administrators would be a functioning team after Principal Russell Furtado resigned the week before school opened.

"All three administrators are doing an outstanding job," Ryder said. "I'm very pleased with the way they've come together as a team and hope they will continue for the rest of the year."

Appointed as the school's deputy principal in August, Joseph Zabielski became the acting principal for the rest of the school year. Bernadette Conte was hired as the dean of students in August.

Zabielski said the three administrators are working as a team to make the best school possible for the entire population of the school.

Zabielski said all three are in constant contact with parents and are taking a pro-active approach to providing consistency in dealing with the day to day disciplinary issues.

"Lots of kids come with a desire to learn and don't want disruptions," Zabielski said.

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**SCHOOL PERSONNEL - from Page 1...**

At the School Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 24th, Ryder announced that Kathleen Mounemneh of Feeding Hills has been hired to take over Cohen's eighth grade classes.

Giving the School Committee a brief biographical sketch of his three new staff members, Zabielski introduced science teacher Robert Janik and language teacher Scott Corley. Zabielski said math teacher Howard Bernard was teaching a college course and was unable to attend the meeting.

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## Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
**Halloween Safety Tips**

The Agawam Fire Department, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, offers the following safety tips for the Halloween season.

### TRICK-OR-TREATING...

- Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.
- If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first!
- Know what neighborhoods they will be in.
- Don't allow them in areas with which you are not completely comfortable.
- Have the children stay in a group.
- Let them know what time to be home.
- Give them a dime to use the telephone if necessary.

### INSTRUCT CHILDREN TO...

- Use sidewalks.
- Cross only at the corners, never dart out between parked cars.
- Cover one side of the street at a time, no criss-crossing.
- Never go inside someone's home unless it is a friend's.
- Never accept a ride in a car.
- Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.
- Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.

### COSTUMES...

- Children should carry a flashlight and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame retardant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devil's forks should be made of soft material.
- If your child wears a mask instead of makeup

on their face, double check that the eye holes are large enough to see through clearly.

• Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

### DECORATIONS...

- Use a small flashlight in pumpkins instead of a candle.
- Only use flame-proof crepe paper.
- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.

### FIREWORKS...

Firecrackers, cherry bombs, and party poppers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween. These are dangerous and should not be used by children, teens, or adults.

Besides the physical danger and the fire hazards involved, fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

### RECEIVING TRICK-OR-TREATERS...

Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door. Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.

### CHECKING TREATS...

• Throw out anything that appears tampered with, homemade foods, or home-packaged foods unless you are certain of the source.

• Inspect fruit closely and take away treats that may not be age-appropriate. Young children may choke on things like hard candy or peanuts.

### CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY...

Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy and on Saturday, October 28th, Change Your Clocks and Change Your Batteries.

For further information, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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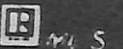
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  - Buy one foot long sub on Friday and Saturday, October 27th and 28th, and get the second “free”! **No coupon necessary!** Just walk in the door! (11 AM - 7 PM.)
  - Join us for a live radio remote by WPKX 97.9 FM Country KIX) on Friday, October 27th, and win additional prizes.
  - Attention all students—buy one, get one free on Monday, October 30, 1995, just by showing your student I.D. (2 PM - 10 PM.)
  - Come see us on Halloween for our 1st annual “Best Costume Contest.” Prizes will be awarded to the 10 best costumes at the store between 6 PM - 7 PM.
  - Join us on Thursday, November 2, 1995, at 5:30 PM for a “Fastest Sub Eating Contest.” Contestants will all be from Agawam High’s fall sports teams. Come root for your favorites!
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## Town Of Agawam Is Moving In A Positive Direction

### To The Editor:

As a long-time resident of Agawam, I can honestly say that the town is moving in a positive direction.

We have started some long overdue projects like a new fire station, school additions, and library expansion. The town has made great strides in preserving open space with the purchases of the Tuckahoe Turf Farm and the Agawam Country Club.

Not only is the Agawam Country Club permanently preserved as open space, but it is operating at a profit and at no expense to the taxpayers. We have also attracted many new businesses into our industrial park which is creating new jobs and helping our tax base.

This positive direction is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of our Mayor Chris Johnson. I want to keep Agawam moving in the right direction, and that is why I am voting for Chris Johnson on Tuesday, November 7th.

Sincerely,  
William Soja  
Springfield Street  
Feeding Hills

## Freedom Of Info Act Invoked On Board Of Health

### To The Editor:

Some voters seem to believe that I have kept information about the Health Department on ice, until now, for political purposes.

These same people should read a letter I wrote to Dr. Jacapraro of the Agawam Board of Health on May 22, 1995. They should know that I never received an answer until I recently invoked the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the Act, I was guaranteed copies of all inspections that were done within any time frame requested (see my Letter To The Editor on October 19, 1995 on page 4 of *The AAN*). The law states that I must be given the requested information in 10 days and it was on the 10th day that everything exploded.

I received a letter from Ron Young demanding a cashier's check for \$126.44 for time consumed in compiling the records. The Board of Health was also under pressure because of the Freedom of Information Act (copies to the Mass. Dept. of Public Health) and was gathering records. The Board of Health found **NO RECORDS** even though I was being charged \$126.44.

Thus, because of the Mayor's power grab before the last election when Caz Tryba was removed, Johnson presented Ron Young with an impossible job that he was then ordered to cover up.

I can now accurately accuse the Mayor of playing fast and loose with the health and safety of citizens of this town and of anyone who partakes of food for public use within its borders.

Sincerely,  
Walter P. Harrington  
Feeding Hills

## "Term Limits" Should Apply To Politicians In Agawam

### To The Editor:

Before last year's congressional elections, there was a great deal of conversation about *term limits*. Since the election, there hasn't been much talk about the issue because the American people proved that we truly have the power to limit the terms of our elected officials any time. We simply vote them out of office.

If citizens are willing to get involved, if they are willing to get out and vote, then we always have the power to throw the bums out.

It is time to limit the terms of some of our local bums! Many of our public officials have become fat and arrogant in their short time on the Council.

When you go to the polls on November 7th, keep in mind a few simple questions:

- Have any of our representatives lowered your tax rate, even a penny?
- The Mayor got a \$3,000 tax break. Did you?
- Do you think that your children and grand-children are getting the best quality education available?
- Do they have the books and pencils that they need?
- Have you driven through a pot hole lately?
- Are your sidewalks safe to walk on?
- Did your representatives say one thing and do another?
- Did they respect your intelligence and your right to vote?
- Have your elected representatives been giving you lip service?
- Have you been hit by a golf ball lately?
- Are your restaurants regularly inspected by a health official?
- Do your representatives protect you and your homes from the impact of undesirable industry or business?
- Etc., etc. ...

Unfortunately, in Agawam the answer to most of these questions is a resounding NO!

It is time to exercise your age-old right to limit the terms of these rascals. When is enough, enough? You decide if you want more of the same.

Maybe it's time to throw the bums out!

John R. Duni  
Agawam

## Harlem Wizards Coming To Agawam High School

### To The Editor:

As the president High School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization, I would like to share a few thoughts.

On November 4th, Fitness First has offered us the facility again this year. This is the third year that we will be attempting to do something positive for the teenagers of our community. However, last year, because of lack of parental input, we had to change the program. We hear all over the place that the teenagers have nothing to do in this town. One of our jobs as parents is to support and encourage a positive place to "hang out" with friends.

The teenagers need a place to go sit and talk, have a pizza together, bring a tape and listen or swim, exercise, play wallyball or racquetball. All this is offered at Fitness First. We even can have a dance if the teenagers choose to do so.

I am encouraging the students to call me or leave a note for me in the office at the High School and let me know what you want! We can do anything if we communicate and work together!

On November 13th, we will be hosting the

Harlem Wizards again! This was a huge success last year. The Wizards will be visiting all the schools again this year the day of the show. We are looking for 16 people to help out the day of the event. The time of the show is 7:30-9:30 p.m. The helpers will be needed around 6:00 p.m.

Please call me if interested in helping.

Sincerely,  
Joann McGeoghan  
Pres., A.H.S. P.T.S.O.

## Still Waiting For Reply From Town Council President

### To The Editor:

Last April, I placed a call to Council President Nancy Thompson regarding an issue I felt was important to the Council and to Agawam. I even placed a letter in your paper stating I had not heard from Ms. Thompson.

Well, I'm still waiting for a reply. The issue has come and gone, but I must wonder how many other residents' opinions go unnoticed and unanswered by Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Thompson and all elected officials should remember that fancy titles and photo opportunities do not make a public servant. But listening and caring about the concerns of the citizens will make a good one.

Sincerely,  
Ernestine M. Book  
Agawam

## Resident Offers Thanks To "Unknown Samaritan"

### To The Editor:

#### To Whom It May Concern:

A special thanks to the unknown individual who turned in my "personal item" to the clerk at Cumberland Farms on Saturday night when we were involved with a torrential rainstorm.

Please go to Cumberland's, identify the item you turned in, and a special "thanks to you," my unknown samaritan, is awaiting your arrival.

With sincere thanks,  
Pat Borgatti

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, October 27th  
"Sweatshirt Sale" by Feeding Hills Chapter Of Operation Friendship At F.H. Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield St. (Rte. 187) 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th  
Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Agawam Senior Games Athletes At Agawam Senior Center 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Wednesday, November 1st  
Ag. Community Artists Meeting At Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Open to the public)

Friday, November 3rd  
Storyteller/musician John Porcino at the Agawam Public Library (sponsored by Ag. Cultural Council) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th  
Agawam Lions' Pancake Breakfast At the Lions' Club on the grounds of the Big E, West Springfield 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Adults: \$3.50; children, \$2



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## LETTERS - from Page 4...

## Elderly Tenant Sets Record Straight About Meeting

### To The Editor:

In my letter-to-the-editor in the October 19th issue of *Agawam Advertiser News*, I had some information wrong concerning Agawam Housing Authority Executive Director Phyllis Mason.

There was in fact a tenant's meeting at Country View Apartments called by Mrs. Mason. Mrs. Mason calls these meetings whenever we have needs, as well as at the other housing units that pertain to her job.

The meeting that Mr. Walter Harrington called was at the same time as Mrs. Mason's meeting. Mrs. Mason's meeting had nothing to do with Mr. Harrington's meeting.

Sincerely  
Santina Pescetta

Resident of Country View Apartments, F.H.

## Voting For Newcomers Will Be Good For Agawam Gov't

### To The Editor:

One has to wonder about the irony of it all! With the Town Council vote on October 2nd, the voters of Agawam were finally denied the opportunity to have a say in the proposed Berkshire Power power plant scheme by way of a non-binding referendum on the November ballot. Yet the very forces responsible for snubbing the voters are the ones crying that they have been treated unfairly.

It has been said that the best defense is a good offense. If this was not such a serious matter, with such long-lasting implications, it might be amusing that Berkshire Power and their supporting politicians are crying foul over the criticism they have received. In many respects, trying to throw such a smokescreen on this issue is truly "offensive."

On the one hand, Berkshire Power's chief representative, Ken Roberts, has complained about accusations of corruption. This is remarkable, as his organization has been trying to seduce the Town of Agawam and its politicians with promises of money in return for siting their electricity factory here.

Additionally, Mr. Roberts' well-witnessed hand signals to Town Council President Thompson during the public hearings in June and July could also be considered perverting the process of our town government.

Another example concerns the lighting of the proposed 175 (185? 167?) foot smokestack, which Mr. Roberts—and Berkshire Power's consultant, Mr. Sellers—insisted would not have to be lighted at all during the environmental notification meeting in February 1995. However, in August 1995, while demanding a variance on the town's 40-foot structure limit, Mr. Roberts casually claimed that the only lighting at the plant during the night darkness hours would be security lighting and the lighting ON THE SMOKESTACK.

Evidently, Mr. Roberts and his organization feel that the truth is manipulable at their convenience, to serve their own interests. If this is not corrupt, such term will have to be redefined.

Mike Walsh, too, has whined that he has been the target of "personal attacks." Unfortunately for Mr. Walsh, the observation that he is no longer an Agawam resident is validated by his own identification as a resident of North Andover when speaking at public meetings. There is nothing personal in such an observation, and it could be viewed as dishonest to complain about it.

In addition, it is a valid concern that Mr. Walsh may have only been hired by Berkshire Power in order for them to use his connections in Agawam. Again, there is nothing personal in such concern, and if Mr. Walsh feels so bad about it, perhaps he should break from Berkshire Power and take on some less-controversial client.

I understand that an Agawam resident told Mr. Walsh that he is no longer "a nice guy." I can only be concerned that Mr. Walsh has irreparably damaged his former good reputation with the citizens of Agawam, and if that IS personal, it is because I feel bad FOR him because of it.

Another "offensive" attempt to divert attention is Town Councilor Taylor's claim that he is being misrepresented by citizens opposing the power plant scheme. Since this issue was made public, Mr. Taylor has had numerous opportunities to listen to the concerns of citizens and businessmen, yet has ignored the mounting frustration of his own constituents. His comments that there should not be government by referendum were well-heard by many, and his voting record against the power plant ballot question is a matter of record.

There is nothing here to misrepresent. Mr.

Taylor's opinion has apparently been contrary to the voters' concerns since the beginning of this issue, and if he is tired of criticism for this, perhaps it is time that he resign from public office.

As a reminder to my fellow Agawam voters, the process of government should provide us, the voters, with what WE want. It should not cater to outside interests and the one-sided views of certain politicians.

As Mayor Johnson and Councilors Thompson, Taylor, Danie, and Bitzas have ignored the voters as well as citizens' and business concerns, I wholeheartedly recommend that we listen to the challengers' platforms in the current election campaign.

I have spoken to, and listened to, most of the challengers and intend to vote for them on Election Day. As I have proposed recently, we Agawam voters should also consider abolishing the office of mayor and establishing a two-terms-per-lifetime limit for town councilors.

Voting the current regime out of office this November would be a good first step to prevent abuses at the hands of professional politicians, and I hope that my fellow voters will join me in doing so.

Sincerely,  
Rob Keenan  
150 Riviera Drive  
Agawam

## Town's EMT's Respond Fast To Youth Soccer Injury

### To The Editor:

This is a public thank-you for our town EMT's. Last Thursday, our daughter, Amanda, suffered a soccer injury. The EMT's responded quickly and efficiently.

Their caring professionalism was especially appreciated. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful people working for our town.

We would also like to thank Denny Marr, Amanda's soccer coach, for his quick action to call them and contact us.

Thank you,  
Grace & Peter Tilden

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## LETTERS - from Page 5...

## Give Langone A Chance To Be On The City Council

### To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the candidacy of Joseph Langone for City Council.

I have come to know him as bright and intelligent; with a keen sense of purpose; and a gentle manner that builds confidence and trust. He understands his role for the office he seeks.

His style is forthright; his attitude is refreshingly humble and he is well-versed on those issues that measure the pulse of the community. He brings an enthusiasm for the challenge and a keen sense of responsibility to all the people of the community.

Moreover, he comes to the council with no excess baggage. He brings, instead, the desire to represent the people at the highest quality level he can achieve.

I have had enough broken promises and underachievement I can handle from some of the incumbent councilors. It's time for a change. It's time to give this candidate a chance.

We deserve to have Joe Langone elected to the City Council where he will represent all of us.

Sincerely,  
F. William Euliano, Jr.  
38 High Meadow Road  
Feeding Hills

## Jim Taylor Knows Issues Facing Our Community

### To The Editor:

With the town elections coming soon, I, too, would like to express my thoughts regarding the candidates running for mayor and Town Council. The past year has been one of progress, professionalism, and many fulfilled promises. The current town officials kept the Town Council meetings disciplined and to the point even with some of the controversial issues such as the Berkshire Power Plant and school budgeting bearing down on them for immediate solutions.

Though I am opposed to the Berkshire Power industry developing so close to my neighborhood, I must respect the judgment of those I voted in to the office of mayor and Town Council. James Taylor discussed with me at length the benefits of the power plant and though I cannot support that one issue, I was impressed by the in-depth research and the many hours he spent in preparing for his decision on the council.

Research and preparation are the strengths Jim Taylor brings to the Agawam government. He knows the regulations and studies the issues before he speaks. A visible and dramatic result of his work is the new fire station on Main Street. He spent many hours studying the old fire station and various locations for the new one.

Jim's visits to Boston to study the internal workings of the state government and the clots impeding the progress of Route 57 and reporting this to the Mayor and Town Council was a major factor in hastening the completion of that road. Jim Taylor's input provided the necessary information to push for the newly installed computer system in the Police Department, enabling the police to use their manpower more effectively in accomplishing its mission.

Jim Taylor is a team player and is not distracted from the main purpose or goal of an issue. He brings professionalism and well prepared material to the Council meetings.

Please consider this when you cast your vote. Agawam needs councilors like Jim Taylor.

Sincerely,  
Beverly S. Follis  
Agawam

## Mayor Johnson Urges Voters To Support Chris Quatrone

### To The Editor:

#### To The Residents Of Agawam:

I am pleased to ask you to join with me in supporting **Chris Quatrone for Town Council**. Chris is a hard working individual who cares very deeply about our community.

I have had the pleasure of working with Chris on many issues that he considers vital such as quality education for our children, open space, and economic development. Chris has always acted with integrity and professionalism in his efforts to make Agawam a better place to live and raise a family.

I urge you to support **Chris Quatrone for Council on Tuesday, November 7th**. I believe Chris has the right combination of education and initiative to make a positive difference for Agawam's future.

Very truly yours,  
Christopher C. Johnson  
Mayor

## Agawam Youngster Seeks Info Regarding Lost Cat

### To The Editor:

Could you please help me? My name is TJ and I am six years-old. I have lost my best friend, Jack.

Jack is my cat. We have been together since we were babies. Jack has always been by my side when I am happy, sad, and sleepy, even sometimes when I get off the school bus.

I am very sad because he hasn't been home for days. Jack is four years-old, medium sized, with orange/beige short hair. He is also fixed. He was wearing a blue collar with two tags.

He has been missing since October 20th from my home on Cooper Street, next to the Federal Hill Club.

Could you please ask your readers to please help me find my friend Jackie. Thank you.

TJ Kopyscinski  
151 Cooper Street  
Agawam  
789-1276

## A Reminder About Officials Who "Cheated" Local Voters

### To The Editor:

In the first section of this newspaper, I have provided a valuable coupon which I hope all of the voters of Agawam will redeem on November 7th. Please clip this coupon and take it to the polls as a reminder of those elected officials who cheated you out of your right to vote.

This is the United States of America, not Haiti or Bosnia. Your fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, sisters, and daughters have fought in wars to preserve this right for all Americans. Many American lives were sacrificed to protect this right. Was this all done in vain?

Agawam is now being run like a banana republic. Many of our elected officials—namely, Christopher Johnson, James Taylor, George Bitzas, Robert Danie, and Nancy Thompson—believe that your right to vote on the Berkshire Power question should be ignored.

They have refused not once, but five times to allow you to have a voice in this issue. They have even gone so far as to say that the public lacks the intelligence to vote on the appropriateness of

this very crucial project. It is a project that will unquestionably change the character of this community forever.

These men and women have taken it upon themselves to act as a welcoming committee without any legal vote of the Council. All discussions of this proposed plant were conducted in secrecy, in small groups behind closed doors in the Mayor's office. No public discussion was allowed until the Concerned Citizens petitioned the Council for public hearings in early June. The resulting 15 hours of hearings should have been conducted before any of our representatives took any position on the matter. Their irresponsible commitment to Mayor Johnson and Berkshire Power is despicable and should not be tolerated by you and I, the taxpayers of this community.

It should not matter how you feel about this proposed plant. That is no longer the issue. We are now concerned about the few politicians in this town who have refused to honor your right to be heard. These five individuals have turned their backs on you, and refused to take into consideration all of our opinions about this plant and the enormous impact that it will have on all of us.

These people don't deserve to be reelected. **THEY DO NOT DESERVE YOUR TRUST!** Today, they have ignored those of us who have concerns about the power plant; tomorrow, those of you who are concerned about Wal-Marts or a toxic waste dump may be ignored. If this type of arrogant government is allowed to continue, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

It is our duty to take back our rights by sending a clear message on Election Day. You and I must get out and vote on November 7th, sending the clear message to these so-called public servants that we have had enough of their chicanery and enough is enough.

I have placed this coupon in this and the next issue of *The Agawam Advertiser* and hope that you will clip it and take it to the polls with you. As you make your decision, I hope you will keep in mind the unwillingness of these people to give you their vote. Please don't give them yours.

Clip this coupon and redeem it on November 7th to take back your government.

Peter Longo  
Agawam

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# JOHNSON SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOLS

## INCREASED SPENDING

★ The town has increased funding for our schools by over \$20.9 million during Johnson's administration as compared with level funding, while the State has cut local aid to the town by over \$11.1 million during the same period.

## IMPROVED FACILITIES

★ Johnson has worked to improve our school facilities by gaining state and local funding approval for additions and renovations to the 4 elementary schools and the High School. Johnson also added the new Early Childhood Center at Perry Lane Park.

★ ★ ★ Recipient Of The Friend Of Education Award ★ ★ ★



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LETTERS - from Page 6...

## Agawam Needs A Mayor With The Correct Priorities

To The Editor:

Today, I received my property tax bill in the mail. I decided to compare the amount with last year's bill, and found it had increased once again. Curious as to what kind of service we receive for these increases in our taxes, I did some researching. The answers were not pleasant.

1. Our school system is failing to provide even the basic essentials for our children's education. The pupils in the high school now must pay fees to participate in the sports programs. Without the students nearly begging, the band at the Middle School came close to being eliminated.

2. Our roads continue to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance.

3. There's been a cutback in our weekly trash collection during certain months of the year.

Yet, with all these services in jeopardy, our Town Mayor had no problem finding funds to purchase a golf course. Thanks, but no thanks, Mr. Mayor.

It's time Agawam had a mayor that puts his priorities in the correct order.

Sincerely,  
Denise Surprenant  
Feeding Hills

## Taylor Says His Record Merits Reelection To Town Council

To The Editor:

Dear Agawam Voter:

Serving as your City Councilor for the past four years has been an exciting and rewarding experience. During that time, I have worked diligently to become as knowledgeable as possible about town government, and to get the facts on issues of importance to the future of Agawam residents.

As your councilor during these times of economic uncertainty, I have exercised fiscal responsibility and accountability without a loss of services to the people of Agawam. In addition to constituent services, I have sponsored a composting bin distribution program, served as chairman of the council's committee on ordinances,

and worked to preserve precious open space in Agawam.

During my recent term as your City Councilor, I helped lead the way in improving public safety through the computerization of police headquarters so that patrol officers can spend less time writing reports and more time patrolling our neighborhoods. I also pushed for the construction of a new fire headquarters to replace the obsolete Elm Street station. Emergency medical services are the fastest growing part of public safety in Agawam and the new fire station will help better those services to the public.

We've come a long way in improving town government over the past four years, but there is still much to do. That's why I am asking for another term on the City Council. Our Senior Center needs expansion, our library is overcrowded, and our DPW still operates from a 100 year-old gin mill on lower Main Street. Improvements to these facilities are something our town has needed for a long time, and when completed, will be a source of pride for every citizen of Agawam.

Yours truly,  
James D. Taylor  
Agawam City Council

## Berkshire Power Has Yet To Respond To "Accusations"

To The Editor:

On October 5th in *The Agawam Advertiser*, Ken Roberts of Berkshire Power accused the opponents of the power plant of libel and slander by stating:

*"...there have been accusations of corruption made against myself, my company, and members of the council. Let me make it perfectly clear to the public and to the people who made these statements, that they are completely false and cross the line of libel and slander."*

I responded to these accusations directed at US with a letter to the *Advertiser* on October 12th. In my letter "To The Editor," I asked—no, I DEMANDED—that Ken Roberts name names, with quotes and dates as to who made these accusations. I will state again ... if you, Ken Roberts, cannot or will not prove your accusations against us, then you have indeed slandered the good people of Agawam.

As of today, October 24th, Ken Roberts has not proven these accusations against the people of Agawam.

Ken, now it's my turn to make myself perfectly

clear! Put up or SHUT UP. If you cannot prove your accusations of libel and slander, then pack your bags and get out of town. We don't need an outsider trying to destroy the reputations of our citizens.

Finally ... Ken, please remember what Mayor Johnson said about you and your company in *The Agawam Advertiser News* on October 5th on Page 6. When talking about Berkshire Power, Mayor Johnson said, "Everything they have represented is 100 percent accurate."

Now Ken, you don't want the Mayor to look like a fool now, do you??? Prove your accusations, or apologize to this town and its residents.

Sincerely  
Ken Forni

President, Concerned Citizens and  
Businesses of Agawam

## Town Getting Ready For Veterans Week Observances

To The Editor:

Our government will proclaim the week of November 4th through November 11th as "World War II Veterans Week." This week will begin with opening ceremonies throughout the country for the Closing Week of Commemorations. November 4th and 5th will be designated as national days of Prayer.

Commemorative exhibits hosted by local museums will be conducted throughout the country with many television networks airing World War II programming in honor of the veterans.

These final commemorations will thank and honor World War II veterans and their families (especially those who lost loved ones), and those who served on the Homefront. Major Dan Ryan, Operations Project Officer, tells us that, "At 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day, November 11th, a 'Bells of Peace' national/international bell ringing period across the globe begins. Bells will be struck 50 times to signify the 50 years without a World War and the world's hope that we will never again be faced with a World War."

It promises to be an exciting week, Agawam's World War II Committee has held numerous projects throughout the commemorative period to ensure the honor and respect that we of Agawam have for those veterans who served in WW II, and you the community of Agawam have given us the greatest of support and we thank you so much for all of your help.

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# Rosemary Sandlin

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE



"Agawam is a growing and changing community. We must try new approaches in order to meet the needs of two-income families with young children... I plan to propose a pilot full-day kindergarten program..."

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**LETTERS - from Page 8...**

Please watch for the Town's Veterans Day program which will be published in next week's edition of *The AAN*. The World War II Committee invites you to join with us as we celebrate our final event of the commemorative period with a WW II luncheon to be held at the Agawam Senior Center on November 11th at 12:00 noon.

The cost is \$10 a ticket. Menu is roast breast of chicken with all the fixings including apple pie and ice cream. We'll have door prizes and great raffle prizes thanks to local businesses. We'll be honoring those who helped throughout the entire event and PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR OUR PLANNED HONOR ROLL TO BE BUILT ON VETERANS GREEN. Please support the event by obtaining a ticket from committee members or call Veterans Services at Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

Ruth Bitzas, Chairman  
World War II Committee

**Top 10 Check List To Be Examined By The Public****To The Editor:**

After debating the Town Council, Berkshire Power, and the Mayor's office for the past five months, now's the time for a satirical look at this power plant issue.

Today's "top 10 list" ... the top 10 reasons why Mayor Johnson wants a power plant built in Agawam.

Reason number 10—Needs to find money from somewhere to pay for Tuckahoe Turf Farm.

Reason number nine—Doesn't worry about 1½ million gallons of drinking water a day. We can still drink from the Connecticut River.

Reason number eight—Almost one-million gallons of petroleum stored on the sight make for exciting thunder and lightning storms.

Reason number seven—Councilor Danie's home in Feeding Hills has a good view and, to quote Councilor Danie, "I want to see it."

Reason number six—Everyone knows power plants INCREASE property values.

Reason number five—The smell at Bondi's Island isn't as bad and, hey, we need pollution in Agawam. Every town should have one.

Reason number four—Plans to be sitting in Richie Neal's seat when plant is completed in 1999, and you can't see the plume from Washington.

Reason number three—Residents still don't understand what "in lieu of taxes" means.

Reason number two—What better legacy to leave Agawam than a 170-foot smokestack spewing pollution.

And the number-one reason why Mayor Johnson wants a power plant built in Agawam—The fog, caused by the plume, will finally make the first hole at Agawam Country Club a legitimate Par 5.

Ken Forni  
518 Franklin St. Ext.  
Agawam

**Family Grieves & Is Upset Over Death Of Dog****To The Editor:**

On his way to the S.P.C.A. six years ago, my daughter intervened on the behalf of a little white dog and we adopted him. Since then, Bish has been part of our family, a blessing in our lives, and testimony to the power of love.

Our "blond Benji" (part cocker spaniel, terrier, and poodle) gradually changed from wimpy and unplayful to bold and joyful. Once, he watched balls roll by, uninterested. This summer, he raced with the best of them, proudly retrieving his black and yellow soccer ball with the mysterious squeak inside. Just last week, he made sounds I've never heard from him before while playing with a brand new toy from The Big E.

Bish lived a full life daily. He was in excellent health and shape, ate well, had close human and animal friendships, took long walks, lots of rides and trips. He slept curled at the foot of my bed and would turn belly-up each morning, wiggling enthusiastically to his first greeting of the day. He'd pounce and spin when invited to go outside; lead the way in the field, wait for us to catch up; twirl around and lead again. We've fed wildlife together; waited patiently and watched muskrats and ducks.

I'll never forget him bounding through lush field grass; burrowing his face in corn husks, following a mouse, or digging half his body into a hole, looking for moles. How many times I've looked in my side mirror and seen his facial hair plastered back by the wind, his eyes half closed. And watched him stand gallantly in the field, alert, head and tail high, hair blowing majestically in the breeze.

Bish may have been our dog, but he owned us and commanded our love, attention, and loyalty. We respected each other, shared the good and the bad together. He understood feelings and expressed emotions of his own. Especially amazing was his ability to "sing" and mimic tone pat-

terns. There was a generosity about this dog, a wisdom and a spirit that many people don't even come close to. We've been privileged to know him and honored to share his days. We miss him terribly.

No more will he put his paws on the arm of the car door and watch my daughter go into school, nor will I see him looking for me in the same way, coming out of the supermarket. No more will he put his paws on our legs and stretch down to a sit, or curl up on the bathroom rug while I brush my teeth at night.

Bish died on October 16th. None of it makes any sense to me, no matter how many times I look at it. He was killed by a German Shepherd in a completely surprise ambush nobody had a chance to defend. Bish was on a leash at the street edge, walking with my daughter and her girlfriend past a house in Agawam. The Shepherd appeared from behind suddenly, probably running from the house set back from the road. Without provocation or warning, he lunged at Bish's back, seized him in his mouth, clamped down, and picked him up in the air. My dog didn't have a prayer of a chance to survive. The girls screamed, the dog released him, and was chased away. Bish's eyes were full of fear, my daughter said, a cry for help and anxious, "What happened?" "Why?" He could not move, tried to whimper, sucked air, but could not breathe. Bish died. From my description of the body, the vet says he died of internal bleeding from crushing and/or a punctured lung.

There was no battle between matched op-

ponents, just pure overbearing brutality from a larger, undisciplined dog allowed to practice bullying. He knew he had a smaller dog in his jaws, but wasn't trained to respect life or to differentiate between life and an object. It is an outrage that my dog was even bothered, walking by on a leash. One moment, the day is full of intriguing sights, sounds, and smells. The next, it is full of terror, pain, and insult. We are tortured to realize that Bish suffered - without reason, without relief - and then died. The girls were traumatized witnessing this.

It is a violation of my dog's rights - and mine - that he was killed; a personal attack on me into the heart of my family. This German Shepherd has perpetrated wrongful death. This owner is responsible, accountable, and liable for his dog's behavior. I want him to think twice forever about his dog and what he did, about his own irresponsibility, and the threat and danger the two of them pose to anyone walking by. Why wasn't his dog tied up?

If my dog wasn't there, would he have attacked the girls? Bish's death was unnecessary and unfair. Die - just because you're smaller? Stupid, senseless slaughter, brutally stripped him of his dignity, his life, and our companionship. The Agawam Police Department, Dog Officer Robert Burke, and the owner need to address this injustice and respond quickly, appropriately, and effectively. Bish deserves no less.

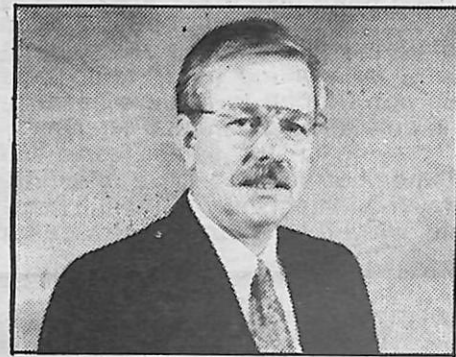
Connie Robbins  
Feeding Hills

**ATTENTION ALL CANDIDATES: We need to see you on Monday if you have press releases and ads. We open at 6:30 a.m.**

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**IT IS TIME TO HONOR OUR OBLIGATION TO OUR CHILDREN AGAIN!**

**\*WE MUST MAKE A QUALITY EDUCATION A PRIORITY IN AGAWAM!**

**\*WE MUST PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ASSURE THEM SUCCESS IN THEIR LIVES!**

**\*WE MUST WIN BACK THE TRUST OF OUR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS.**

**\*WE MUST ASSURE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE.**

**\*WE MUST ASSURE THAT IMPORTANT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE SUPPORTED AND FUNDED.**

**WOULD WE WANT ANYTHING LESS?**

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## Caba Seeking Another Term As Member Of Agawam Town Council

In a statement issued this week, Agawam City Councilor Edward A. Caba said, "I am again privileged to offer to you my candidacy for reelection to the City Council on November 7th.

"Since 1966, I have had the honor of serving you, the town, and city as town clerk, town manager, and city councilman. I have also served as council president. It has been a very interesting and educational tour of duty.

"I take a great deal of pride in the progress the town has made and what is ahead of us in the future. We have one of the finest industrial parks in the area, our school system is excellent, we have had no employee layoffs, our tax rate is affordable, our town services have not been cut, and we are second to none. All of this is a result of working together with the best interest of Agawam in mind.

"Agawam has a great deal of potential and in the spirit of cooperation we can continue to do more in the direction which we will all benefit from. The secret of working as a 'team' and together this is not difficult to achieve because this is free, and only takes a personal effort.

"We are all playing on the same 'team' and must always remember our respective roles, Administration/Mayor and Legislative/Council; keeping this in mind, we will be of greater service for

the benefit of all our citizens and businesses alike.

"I have enjoyed serving all of our people at all times and never have evaded any issues which came before the Council for action. When any matter came up for a vote, my vote was not because it was a popular thing to do—I always voted keeping in mind what was best for Agawam and all of our people. My decisions will always be on the merits and what is best for Agawam overall.

"I will continue to be a strong advocate of working as a 'team' with the administration. I know it doesn't come easy, but we are making progress.

"I look forward to serving you for two more years so that I can be part of accomplishing more changes and/or improvements that you are concerned with in educational opportunities for our students, public safety, and the well being of our senior citizens, land preservation and zoning laws, charter revisions acceptable BY and WITH input from all of our residents.

"I am grateful for your support over the years and again would appreciate your continued support by giving me one of your 11 votes on Tuesday, November 7th. Thank you and please exercise your right to vote," concluded Caba.



EDWARD A. CABA



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JOSEPH F.  
**LANGONE**  
For City Council

- ★ Lifelong Agawam Resident.
- ★ 1989 Graduate Of Assumption College  
B.A. (Cum Laude), English.
- ★ Instructor For Over Five Years In Adult Education  
At Massachusetts Career Development Institute.
- ★ Agawam Lions Club Member.

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**LANGONE**  
**COUNCIL**



**Campaign '95 - continued...****Johnson Believes Open Space Enhances Quality Of Life**

"One of the issues that I have fought hard for is the preservation of open space," said Mayor Christopher C. Johnson in a campaign statement. "Agawam is a community which enjoys a rural hometown character in large part due to the abundance of open space. During the 70's and 80's, Agawam saw much of its open space converted to single family homes, condominiums, and commercial strip development.

"I believe that the preservation of open space is essential to maintaining the quality of life that we now enjoy in Agawam and Feeding Hills. One of our community's greatest attributes is the sense of "elbow room" that open space provides. In order for our children and grandchildren to know and enjoy the same agricultural heritage and quality of life that we do, we must preserve open space.

"I also believe that the preservation of open space makes economic sense to the residents of Agawam. The largest asset that most people own is their home, and the value of your home depends in large part on the desirability of the community in which you live. Many residents tell me that the reason they choose to live in Agawam is the fact that it has a lot of open space. In order to maintain the value of your home, the community must remain desirable, and to remain desirable we must preserve open space. In addition, as a taxpayer, it is less expensive to acquire open space than to provide services to the new residents who will ultimately inhabit it.

"I have a strong record of advocacy for the preservation of open space. That record includes:

"Proposed and strongly advocated for the town acquisition of the **Tuckahoe Turf Farm**. A portion of the former Tuckahoe Turf Farm (approximately 200 acres) will be permanently preserved as farmland, while the remainder is utilized as a future site for a school and a large recreation area.

"Proposed and strongly advocated for the town acquisition of the **Agawam Country Club**. The town has purchased, improved, and operated the Agawam Country Club at **no cost to the taxpayers**. In fact, the course has generated over **\$340,000 in profits** during its first two fiscal years of operation. This has allowed the town to permanently preserve a vital recreational facility which was slated for development into 132 house lots, all at no cost to the taxpayers.

"Proposed and strongly advocated for zoning reform to **increase minimum lot sizes** for residential development.

"Proposed and advocated for zoning reform to **create open space development** (a concept that mandates the preservation of open space in each new residential development).

"Proposed state acquisition of **Hall Property** (approximately 14 acres) adjacent to **Perry Lane Park** which is the former site of the Old Mill Pond. The acquisition has been included in the state open space bond bill which is expected to be approved in the very near future.

"Another positive attribute of open space is the wonderful passive recreation opportunities it provides to residents. I grew up in Agawam and I enjoyed spending much of my childhood in the woods of the old YMCA (now Perry Lane Park). I enjoy taking walks in the woods and viewing the magnificent scenery and wildlife. These experiences have formed the basis of my strong support of the preservation of open space. I am proud of my record of preserving open space and enhancing the quality of life in our community, and I pledge to continue my efforts to maintain Agawam's small town character," concluded Johnson.

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**Bitzas Outlines Accomplishments During Tenure On Town Council**

In a campaign press release issued this week, City Councilor George Bitzas said he is very proud of what he has accomplished during his three terms as a town councilor. He has been very active for the town, has shown he is not afraid to take a stand on any issue, and has never abstained on any votes. George is running for reelection this November.

His accomplishments include:

**SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Provided funding to maintain all existing school programs.

Called for the expansion of all schools to alleviate over-crowding.

Supported full-time nursing coverage in our schools.

Initiated workshops on gangs and drugs.

Worked to prevent athletic fees.

**HOMEOWNERS/PROPERTY VALUES**

Voted to lower homeowner tax rates.

Started the town administration efforts to clean up illegal dumping and junking of cars.

**INDUSTRIAL ZONING**

Voted for tax incentives to promote the Industrial Park (nine new companies).

Voted in favor of zoning changes to protect our neighborhoods and existing businesses.

**SENIORS**

Requested expanded van service for the elderly.

Supported funding to offset state cuts in the Agawam Senior Center nutrition program.

Lobbied for state grant to expand Senior Center.

**ROUTE 57**

Gathered 2,500 petition signatures to speed up

state efforts to complete Route 57.

Rallied the town government to force the state to locate off-ramp away from condominium community.

One of the first town councilors to oppose new off-ramps for proposed strip mall which would cause traffic hazards and gridlock.

**TOWN SERVICES**

Introduced weekly garbage pickup.

Pushed for household bulk and hazardous waste collection.

Promoted increased PVT bus service.

Supported construction of modern fire station.

**OPEN SPACES**

Initiated town efforts to purchase golf course to preserve open space.

Voted for town acquisition of Tuckahoe Turf Farm for public park and sports fields.

**VETERANS**

Sponsored resolution and rally to protest closing of Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

Introduced a resolution supporting constitutional amendment prohibiting flag desecration.

Backed property tax exemption for veterans' organization (VFW and American Legion).

**OTHER**

Petitioned the State Legislature to require beer keg registration to discourage sales to minors.

"I will continue to be an active councilor, working hard for the best interests of our residents and our town. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Please vote on Tuesday, November 7th. I will appreciate your vote," concluded Bitzas.

**Stieg Headquarters Staying Busy; Volunteers Sought To Help Out**

The "Stieg for Mayor" campaign headquarters is open to all who wish to stop by, ask questions, or sign up to help.

Please drop in between the hours of 5:00 and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The campaign headquarters is located on Southwick Street in the Crossroads Shoppes, next to Mario's Restaurant. If you have questions or would like to put up a lawn sign, call 786-3337 or 786-6964.

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**JOHNSON HAS STRONG RECORD ON QUALITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****NEW INDUSTRIES & QUALITY JOBS**

★ There have been 9 new businesses which have located in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park in the last 2 years alone. The total employment in the park is now over 1,000 jobs.

**BERKSHIRE POWER PROJECT**

★ The town successfully competed with 11 other communities to attract the Berkshire Power Project. It will be the largest taxpayer in Agawam and the largest water/sewer rate payer. It will create many new local union construction jobs and quality permanent employment opportunities. It will help lower taxes and improve our schools and our public services.

**Re-Elect****Johnson**  
Mayor**Positive Leadership  
For Agawam's Future**

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## Campaign '95 - continued...



GEORGE BITZAS

## Bitzas Addresses Issues Of Gangs And Drugs

In a statement issued this week, City Councilor George Bitzas said, "Three weeks ago, I spoke to the City Council again about the danger of gangs and drugs in our town. I feel there is a strong need for all of us—the Mayor, councilors, School Committee members, the school administration, teachers, parents, and students—to be prepared to prevent any gang activities in our community."

"Now is the time to act and combat this problem before it is too late. Last spring, with the help of the administration and the police department, we organized a Gang and Drug Awareness workshop. These workshops were held at the Middle School and Robinson Park School last spring. The workshops were very informative."

"In the September 24th issue of the *Sunday Republican*, there was a story about 21 gang members from Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke who have established a presence in Rutland, Vermont, a city of 17,000. The police there had a meeting to educate the very concerned and fearful citizens."

"Our town is not in Vermont, many, many miles away from Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke. Our town is right next door to these towns, and we must and should be greatly concerned."

"In the next few weeks, I will call again the Mayor, the Chief of Police, and the schools' PTO's to have another gang workshop. During these workshops, parents, and students can ask questions and become more informed about the dangers of gangs and how to prevent their activities in our community. Where there are gangs, there are drugs; where there are drugs, there is violence; where there is violence, there is shooting; and where there are shootings, there is death."

"We have not come to drive-by shootings yet, but neither Chicopee, Holyoke, nor Springfield was at that stage a few years ago. We must have zero tolerance."

"If I am reelected, I will continue my work and cooperation with the administration and the police department. We must be ready, knowledgeable, and alert to prevent and combat these kinds of activities in our community," concluded Bitzas.

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## Johnson Says Record Shows He's Strong On Building Business Base

"Agawam is part of a regional and global economy in which there is strong competition for new jobs and industries," said Mayor Christopher C. Johnson in a recent campaign statement. "As our region's economy undergoes a change from a manufacturing base to a service base, every community is forced to compete to attract new quality jobs for its residents and new industries to expand its tax base. It is especially important in Agawam due to the heavy reliance on defense based industries in the northeast, and the large segment of our population employed in those industries in Northern Connecticut and the Greater Springfield Area."

"Agawam has been fortunate to be one of the leaders in attracting new industries and jobs. The Agawam Regional Industrial Park is the premier industrial park in the area and a tremendous asset to our community. The total employment in the park is now over 1,000 jobs. Many new businesses have located in the park and many existing businesses in the park are expanding their facilities. This growth has brought many new construction jobs and many new permanent employment opportunities."

"The new industrial growth has also significantly enhanced our tax base which has allowed for reductions in the growth of our tax rate. Government at all levels is being asked to reduce taxes while at the same time improve and expand services. I have worked hard to position Agawam to attract quality new industries to enhance and stabilize our tax base. The town has made a significant investment to improve the infrastructure surrounding our industrial area to provide unparalleled transportation access (Route 57 - Garden Street ramps, Silver/Suffield Street reconstruction, Shoemaker Lane reconstruction, etc.), and ample water and sewer capacity (12 & 16 inch water mains and main interceptor sewers)."

"Our location affords us easy access to Bradley International Airport and our commercial/in-

dustrial tax rate is amongst the lowest in our area. I have also worked to streamline and professionalize our permitting and review processes to compete with sunbelt states. All this has allowed Agawam to see unprecedented growth in our industrial area including:

- "Nine new businesses in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park in the last two years alone including the largest tenant in the park (some of the new businesses chose Agawam over locations in the Carolinas);"

- "Selection of the Agawam Regional Industrial Park by the Governor's Task Force on Attracting new Semi-Conductor Industry to Massachusetts;

- "Selection of industrial property off Shoemaker and Moylan Lanes by Berkshire Power from amongst over 20 sites in 11 different communities for the construction of a new state-of-the-art-gas fired power generation facility which will:

- "create 200-250 new local union construction jobs;

- "create 15-25 new high paying permanent employment opportunities with local hiring preference;

- "be the largest taxpayer in the town (current offer of \$1 million per year escalating at 3 percent per year);"

- "be the largest water/sewer rate payer in the town (close to \$1 million per year at current rates);"

- "be one of the cleanest operating power generation facilities in the world; and"

- "be a producer of low cost electricity for distribution in the northeast region."

"Agawam has a strong record of attracting new quality industry. This industry will bring the jobs to employ the next generation, and will pay the taxes to allow our community to improve our public schools and facilities and enhance our essential services. It is through these improvements that we can brighten the future of our community and enhance the quality of life we enjoy," said Johnson.

## Strong Organizational Skills A Must To Be Council Member Says Langone

City Council candidate Joseph F. Langone has outlined the organizational abilities he possesses which, he believes, will be of benefit to the community if elected.

Langone stated, "I offer my qualifications to the voters of Agawam in their consideration of my candidacy. I believe that my background as an honors graduate of Assumption College will be an asset in professionally representing the citizens of our community and articulating THEIR viewpoints. Further, my experience as an adult educator for the past several years at the Massachusetts Career Development Institute is also an essential foundation for the skills I intend to utilize as a city councilor."

Langone elaborated by stating, "As an adult education professional, I have broadened my

perspective of the many problems which face society and government. I have a wealth of experience in dealing with a diverse array of populations in an effort to assist them in their pursuit of academic and occupational success. A councilor, similarly, has to deal with a diversity of groups and issues, sometimes volatile, and then has to be able to articulate decisions based on solid reasoning. I believe that I bring to the table my proven ability to reason, analyze, and articulate, and to do so in a respectful and professional manner."

Langone concluded, "I am confident that I am capable of converting the diversity of our community into a working unity of all citizens. Clearly, our strength is in unity, our downfall in division and polarization."

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**The Agawam Democratic Committee urges  
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to vote for the following:**

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Edward Caba  
Thomas Ennis  
Valentine Moreno  
Louis Russo

### School Committee

Teresa Kozloski  
Louis Massoia  
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**Campaign '95 - continued...****Mrs. Doering Seeks Reelection To Committee**

Roberta G. Doering of River Road is announcing her candidacy for reelection to the Agawam School Committee.

"The School Committee has the difficult task of providing an effective education for each and every student, and at the same time, making sure the tax dollars allocated are wisely spent. We cannot forget that in the business of running the schools, the final product is the student," stated Doering in a press release issued this week.

She continued, "I believe in public school education, and I believe that local governance of our schools by the School Committee is the public's best assurance that policy setting, curriculum development, fiscal planning, and district management are reflective of the needs of the individual community.

"The public schools have provided for generations of our citizens, helping them to become productive members of society. Everyone in the community should be vitally concerned about what happens in the schools, as it affects the quality of life for all of its residents.

"However, the school building is not the only

area where learning takes place. It has to be a cooperative effort by the family, school, and the entire community. Agawam is fortunate that our city offers many educational opportunities for young and old to enjoy both during and after the school day.

"I believe that the School Committee should develop a clear vision for our public schools and establish an organizational framework that allows students to attain their maximum potential. We must provide a safe, secure environment for learning to occur. The committee must be accountable to the community for accomplishing its vision, and we should serve as the leading advocates on behalf of our students and the public schools.

"I have had the opportunity to represent Agawam and to bring a local perspective to the national scene by being elected to serve as President of the National School Boards Association.

"I feel with my experience, concern, and dedication, I can continue to make a contribution. Once again, I ask for your support in order that I may continue to work for our children and the future leaders of our community," concluded Doering.

**Better Zoning Rules Necessary: Russo**

"Agawam has been growing rapidly and will continue to grow. Therefore, it is important that we consider new zoning regulations that will reflect the town's future needs in terms of population and industrial growth," said City Council candidate Louis Russo in a campaign statement.

"Any zoning changes must include the preservation of the character of Agawam, while providing compatible and economically beneficial development within the residential, business, and industrial areas of our town. Prudent development of industrial areas and the continued welcoming of light industrial companies to our industrial parks can only help to alleviate the continual tax burdens placed on our homeowners and provide jobs for our residents.

"I supported tax incentives for the Industrial Park which led to a huge influx of new companies that now pay their full share of taxes and employ thousands. We must continue to provide an at-

mosphere that continues to make light industrial companies want to come to Agawam.

"A review of our present zoning and changes in zoning regulations has been discussed during every election. As a member of the Zoning Review Committee that was formed to revise our zoning, I was part of the committee that came closest to finalizing beneficial changes.

"Unfortunately, too many existing landowners would have been penalized by some of the restrictive measures included in the new zoning. I had offered an amendment which would have protected hundreds of new regulations. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough Council support to approve the amendment, thereby defeating the new zoning plan.

"If elected to the Council, I will bring that plan back to the Council table and work to implement it while protecting the interest of the present landowners," concluded Russo.

**Councilor Thompson Supports School Department Audit**

Agawam City Councilor President Nancy E. Thompson, a candidate for reelection, has issued the following statement: "As a City Councilor, taxpayer, and resident of Agawam, I support the decision to conduct a separate audit of the School Department.

"I believe that an in-depth analysis of the Agawam School Department's financial and budgetary practices is a positive first step in addressing some of the ongoing concerns related to the Department.

"With the data from the audit, we can make more informed decisions, accurately identify problem areas, and work on appropriate solutions. Developing strategic planning (creating a vision) for our School Department with short- and long-term goals within a specified time frame and holding individuals accountable while working together in a cooperative manner is the way to improve our School Department and ultimately, and most importantly, the education of our children.

"Along with this process, there must be accurate and timely communication between the School Department, the School Committee, and the City Council. This MUST be the expectation.

"I will continue to work toward the accomplishment of these goals. I also encourage parents, teachers, and students to become involved and I look forward to creating solutions and not more controversy."

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**Education**

- Graduate of Western New England College. Bachelor of Arts in Government and History
- Masters Candidate at Central Connecticut State University with a major in International and Area Studies, Specialization in the European Community

**The Issues**

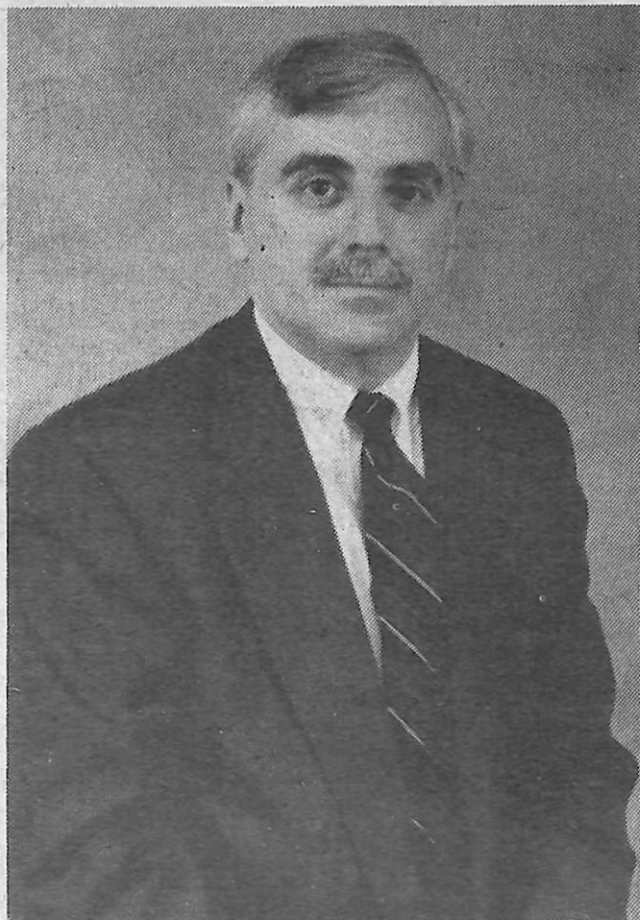
- Chris will fight for a high quality of services for our residents without burdening our taxpayers.
- Responsible open space projects.
- High levels of public safety.
- Economic development and capital improvements.
- Commitment to a high quality of education for our children.
- Advocate for our senior citizens.
- Charter Reform.

**On November 7, Vote For A Positive Change For Agawam****Elect****Chris Quatrone**

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## Campaign '95 - continued...



ABE KASPARIAN

## Kasparian Promises More Communication If Elected To Council

"The word COUNCIL comes from the Latin *Concilium* - to summon together. When you vote on Tuesday, November 7, 1995, you are summoning together a group to represent your interests in our Town Government," said Town Council candidate Abe Kasparian in a campaign statement.

"A council, by its nature, is an assembly convened for consultation, deliberation, and advice. In order for a council to have effective deliberation on any issue, there must be input and ongoing consultation with those who convened the council - that is you, the voters and citizens of Agawam.

"To do their job effectively, I believe Councilors need to be available to listen to the needs and concerns of the residents. Residents, as well, need to take an active part in the Council by letting the Councilors know how you feel about the job they are doing. *The Agawam Advertiser News* publishes the names and phone numbers of all of the Town Councilors in the first issue of each month and the Council meetings are televised. If you like what the Council is doing, call and tell them. If you don't like something the Council is doing, call and tell them that, or just call to express an idea or ask a question.

"I have heard complaints about the bickering that sometimes goes on among Council members. It is important to remember that Agawam is made up of a variety of different people with many different views. In order to have a Council representative of its citizens, you must also have a diversity of views and it follows that different views sometimes lead to disagreements, but it is through free and open discussion and deliberation on these differing views that a Council can come to the best solution to an issue for the Town as a whole.

"I, as always, advocate the free and open flow of ideas between the residents and the Councilors as well as between the Council and the Mayor. It is through education and communication that we come together to improve our community," said Kasparian.

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## Stieg Criticizes Mayor For Handling Of Town's Education Budget

"At a campaign event this weekend, I was introduced to a member of our School Committee," said mayoral candidate Karl Stieg in a recent press statement. "This individual took exception to some of my comments which have been critical of the conditions of the Agawam School System.

"I wonder whether this individual has visited the same schools that I have lately. As a parent with a child in our system, I have paid special attention to some of my comments which have been critical of the conditions of the Agawam School System. I have spent time with teachers, administrators, PTO's, School Council members, and even school custodians.

"I have been appalled by some of the things that I have seen in our schools and I am frightened by some of the things that these people involved with our schools have stated.

"Teachers, parents, and administrators all seem to have the same complaints. They all seem to be concerned about lack of supplies, lack of equipment, and badly outdated textbooks. A walk through the halls of our High School can tell you a great deal. For example, as the uses and needs of computers in education and the world as a whole race ahead at a geometric pace, our High School students are being left in the dust!

"Our High School has only one computer that is CD ROM equipped. We only have seven computers equipped with 'Windows' programs. How can we expect students coming out of our High School to be prepared to face this fast-paced world if they have not even been exposed to modern computer technologies? How can we expect our students to compete at top rate universities, which require every student to have their own computer, if we only have one state-of-the-art computer in our High School?

"Our High School chemistry lab is staffed by some very wonderful teachers who do the best they can to instruct students with very limited supplies. I have seen that in many of our High School classrooms, there are not enough desks and many of the desks that are there are in such a state of disrepair that they are hardly usable. Some of the textbooks used in these classrooms are more than 10 years old. Can you imagine using a geography book that doesn't deal with the break-up of the USSR or a history book that knows nothing of the Gulf War?

"One of the primary obligations of any municipality is to provide a quality education for our children. In the past, Agawam has been noted throughout the area for its fine educational system. That reputation is one of the things that first attracted me to this community and has been an important factor in building a residential base here.

"Unfortunately, under the 'Education Mayor,' our school system has lost some of its luster. It has been allowed to deteriorate to the point that many Agawam families are wondering whether or not they will keep their children in our system. Many of the families that I have heard from are

struggling to find a way to afford a private education for their children. Parents no longer trust the Mayor and his administration's ability to deal with the problems and possibilities in our schools.

"Thankfully, our system doesn't seem to have deteriorated to the point that, with proper direction and courage, it cannot be fixed. During the next few months, Agawam will have an opportunity to choose a new Superintendent of Schools. This new superintendent must be a dynamic and highly qualified leader who is willing to commit to the community for many years to come.

"He or she should be a hard-nosed educator who is able to place the needs of our children above all else. She or he must be willing to eliminate the entrenched system which has for so long protected the status quo. This will be an excellent time to thoroughly review our system, top to bottom. We must be in a position to assure our children that they will graduate from the Agawam School System with the tools necessary to compete in college or the business world.

"The 'Education Mayor' has failed! His record of failing to provide adequate funding and supplies to the children of this community proves that he does not deserve to be reelected. When I am elected mayor, I will strive to restore our school system to its past luster. I will restore a sense of pride and vigor into all of our schools.

"I will see to it that the schools are provided with the appropriate funding.

"I will rid our system of the nepotism and patronage that has perpetuated and protected inferior performance and lowered expectations. I will restore swift and sure discipline to our system. I will open all of our schools to the community; we will have true community schools.

"I will openly and honestly discuss the problems of our schools. I will not look for scapegoats or hide difficult problems from the public's view. Drugs, gangs, teenage pregnancy, and gambling are all problems in our school system. We should openly admit it and work together to find solutions.

"As mayor, I will form an Educational Advisory Board which will be made up of parents, students, teachers, union representatives, police and health officials, and elected officials. I hope that this group will become an important 'watch dog' group in our schools. I will call upon this board to meet regularly to publicly discuss the situations in our schools and to advise the administration and School Committee about possible solutions.

"I hope that we will be able to arrange for these meetings to be televised and that they will be widely viewed by concerned citizens. The School Committee continues to be an important factor in our system, but because of the political and parliamentary aspects of their meetings, the School Committee at times is unable to take on our problems directly. I would expect that the educational advisory board would take on every problem head on without regard to politics or personalities. I would expect that this board will always put our children's interests first!

"I will not pay lip service to our schools. I will make education a priority," concluded Stieg.

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**Campaign '95 - continued...****Bitzas Supports Phase II Of Route 57 Expansion Proj.**

In a reelection campaign statement issued this week, City Councilor George Bitzas stated, "As a member of the Agawam City Council, I have worked hard to keep the Route 57 expansion project moving forward. The first phase of the project is scheduled to open by early November, and the second phase is planned to begin construction in 1997.

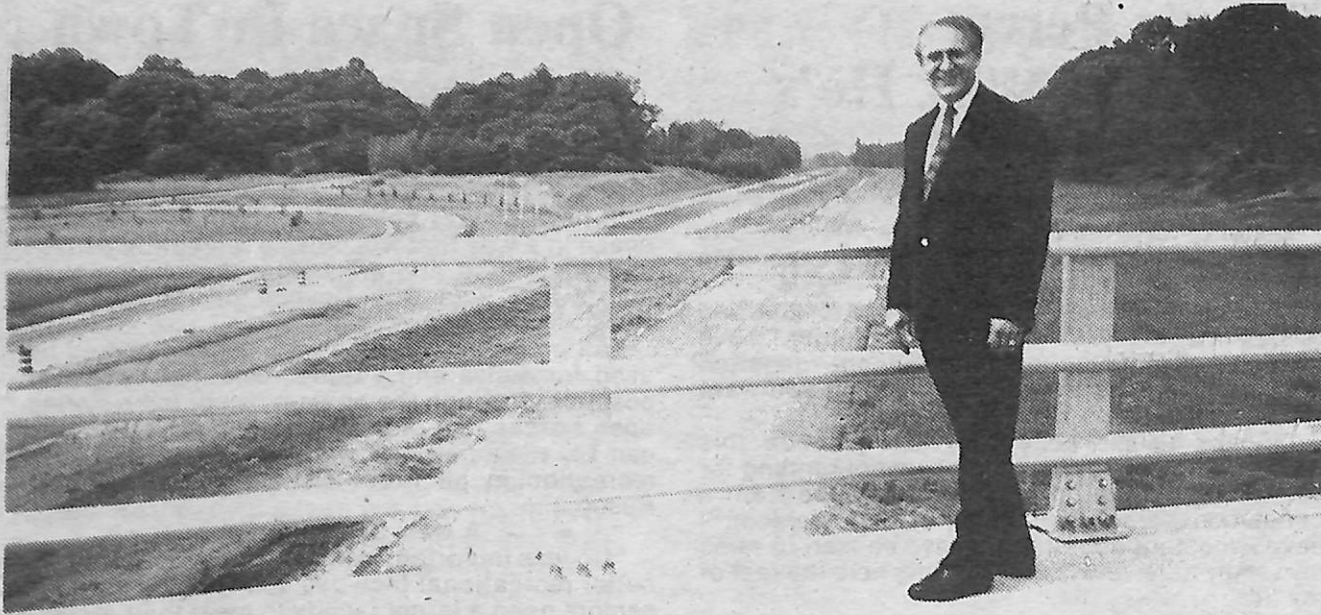
"I initiated a petition drive and collected over 2,500 signatures from local residents to urge the swift completion of the project. I presented the petition to state and federal officials as a demonstration of local support for this vital project.

"During the construction of the first phase, I have closely monitored the progress and expressed concerns to the state and the contractor about completing the project as quickly as possible. I also worked to urge our state officials to include adequate funding in the State Transportation Bond Bill for completion of the first phase, and for design and construction of the second phase of the project."

Bitzas continued, "I have also worked hard to insure there was adequate state funding for the South Westfield Street reconstruction and was pleased that the state incorporated the town's suggestion to build stone walls rather than concrete retaining walls. I believe that the new stone walls are beautiful and add character to Route 187 and Feeding Hills Center.

"I pledge to continue to work hard to make sure that Phase II of the Route 57 Expansion Project stays on schedule and is constructed as soon as possible. The Route 57 Expansion Project provides a key commuter link from Springfield to Agawam, and it will also take traffic off existing residential streets.

"It will greatly improve traffic safety in our community, and remains one of my primary goals as your city councilor," concluded Bitzas.

**Best local news...**

**TOWN COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS SURVEYS** the soon-to-be-open Route 57 extension project. Bitzas says he is a strong supporter of the completion of Phase II of the project.

**Bitzas Against Plans To Build Big Shopping Plaza On Tennis Road**

In a statement issued this week, City Councilor George Bitzas said, "I strongly oppose the plans to construct a nearly 500,000 square foot shopping plaza on the Tennis Road property adjacent to Route 57. I believe that this plaza is detrimental to the town for the following reasons:

"- It will bring in up to 20,000 additional vehicles per day to add to our already crowded roadways, thereby creating traffic hazards and concerns for public safety;

"- It will generate additional crime and traffic accidents, which will require additional police officers and cruisers;

"- The town already has existing retail space which is vacant, and the construction of nearly 500,000 square feet of additional retail space will

most certainly cause further decay of existing retail plazas; and...

"- Many local retailers are struggling to make ends meet in a sluggish economy and would not survive with increased competition from a new modern shopping plaza.

"As your city councilor, I sponsored a resolution to oppose the addition of an east-bound off ramp from Route 57 which would serve this proposed shopping plaza. My resolution received unanimous support from the Council, and it was sent to the Massachusetts Highway Department and to our local state legislators.

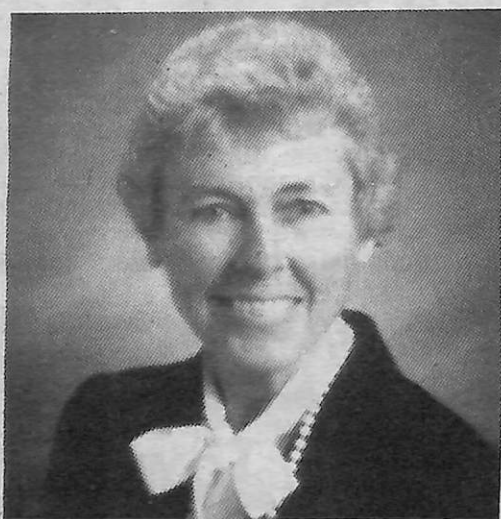
"I believe that this project is bad for Agawam, and we should avoid creating another Riverdale Road in Agawam," concluded Bitzas.

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## Roberta G. Doering

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## School Committee



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- To Establish As My Paramount Goal To Provide An Educational System Of Meaningful Quality That Extends To All Children The Opportunity To Reach Their Full Potential.

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- Agawam School Committee Member 1971 To 1981 Served As Chairman, Secretary, And Policy Coordinator
- Agawam Junior High School Building Committee Served As Vice President

**Community And Youth Service**

- Agawam Citizen Organization / Chartered Member
- SPAN Counseling Center / Board Of Directors
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## Campaign '95 - continued...

### Dennis Perry Discusses Why He's Running For Council

Dennis Perry, candidate for the Agawam City Council, has released the following campaign statement this week:

"During this year's campaign, I have met and talked with many of our town residents. I have been asked many questions, but one question always seems to come up—why would you want to run for council?

"I have always answered that question this way: I am not a politician, and I am not running for self-gain! I am getting involved because I am a concerned parent and a concerned resident. I have lived here all my life, I have chosen to raise my family here, and I plan on living here the rest of my life!

"I feel I need to get involved and try and change the concerns I have in the way our city government runs. However, this is easier said than done. I, myself, and the residents of this community must understand that our council is made up of residents like ourselves ... our peers that have taken their personal time to try and better our community. This statement became totally clear to me when I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Democratic Committee's Annual Breakfast on October 22, 1995, which honored the late Raymond Charest and our current City Councilor Walter Balboni.

"At this breakfast, there were many distinguished speakers; to name a few, Sheriff Michael Ashe, Congressman Richard Neal, State Senator Linda Melconian, and State Rep. Dan Keenan, all of whom were very eloquent speakers. But Mr. Balboni made me understand what local politics are all about.

"During his talk, he spoke of how he got involved in politics. Back in the late 1940's and early 1950's, Walter, Ray Charest, and Irving LaFleur (to name a few) started the Democratic Committee. Together, these gentlemen—with the help of others—laid the foundation of what is Agawam's current system of government.

"But Walter also stated that he was involved in local government because he cared about what was going on in town, and wanted to make a difference. This is the same reason I am writing this article today, to let you, the voters of Agawam, know that I, too, like Mr. Balboni, want to try and make a difference.

"I know, if elected, you will not agree with every issue that comes before me, but understand this: I will make my decision based on what I feel, in my heart, is the best decision for our community. Please consider me for your vote on November 7th," concluded Perry.

### Citizens For Quatrone Planning October 27th Fundraiser At Leonard House

Citizens For Quatrone will be holding a fundraiser on Friday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

This is a perfect opportunity to meet Chris and discuss with him any concerns or ask him any questions you may have. The suggested contribution is \$10 and all proceeds will go to benefit the

### Open Space In Town Enhances All Of Us Says Candidate Russo

"I have always believed in saving viable open space in a way that will provide recreation as well as maintaining and enhancing the character of our town," said City Council candidate Louis Russo in a campaign statement.

"All property in the town's inventory should be used for active and passive recreation wherever possible. Through the prudent use of town-owned open spaces, the lack of sufficient athletic fields can be alleviated and we can provide adequate recreation in all forms for all residents," said Russo.

#### A New Senior Center?

"No less important is providing our seniors with better recreational facilities. I fully agree that our seniors need a larger facility to meet their recreational needs. Enlarging the present Senior Center is an option, but since we don't own the building, we should look at other options.

"Even though the present Center is owned by the state, we pay rent as well as the upkeep. As it is, the Center is in need of costly repairs to fix the leaking cellar and rotted eaves, among other problems. It is not very prudent to pay to repair and enlarge a building that we do not own. Because of the serious repair problems and additional expenses, we should look at a more cost effective way of providing a larger Center for our elderly. We have plenty of property such as Tuckahoe to build on. So, if it is feasible, instead of spending millions on a building the state owns, we should spend it on a building that we will own," said Russo.

#### Year-Round Recreation

"One of the reasons I supported the purchase of Tuckahoe Turf was because I felt that the town needed a large public park. The site at Tuckahoe is large enough to accommodate townwide civic and social activities and events. An asset such as Tuckahoe should not be allowed to lay fallow and unused.

"When Tuckahoe was first discussed, I stated that I envisioned a park that was more than ball fields and bike trails. I envisioned a year-round recreation facility that also would have a pavilion and picnic areas that would accommodate whatever size public or private gathering.

"I also envision an enlarged pond area to provide swimming and fishing in the summer and skating in the winter. I supported the purchase of the golf course for the same reasons. Besides golfing in the summer, perhaps we can provide a safe sledding location in the winter. Utilized parkland grants and other forms of tax free funding, we can make our major town-owned open spaces premiere social and recreational facilities," concluded Russo.

### Stieg Hits Johnson On One-Man Show In Town Government

"If you don't play by my rules, I'm going to take my ball and bat and go home." These are the words used by young, immature children, but too often, they also describe the attitude of this Mayor's administration," said mayoral candidate Karl Stieg in a campaign statement.

"The current occupant of the corner office has surrounded himself with 'yes men' and 'yes women.' No one in Town Hall dares to offer a contrary opinion to this man for fear that they will be cut off and ostracized from the 'inner circle.' This mayor has a unique way of dealing with criticism: he ignores it.

"For the past few years, it seems that this mayor has blamed every major problem on a 'lack of communication' or 'miscommunication.' We are beginning to see that the real problem is that the Mayor frowns upon two-way communications. He likes to dictate, but he doesn't like to listen!

"My management style is very different. I encourage open dialogue and free thought. I have seen first-hand in the business world how important it is to receive honest input from everyone involved. I view my role as a servant of the people rather than a one-man show! I strongly believe in the notion of participatory government and will seek out ideas and opinions from all parts of the community. Town employees and representatives should be sources of ideas and information rather than insulators and protectors of the Mayor.

"The time for 'yes people' is over! We don't need 'yes people,' we need 'can do people!' As mayor, I would hire and deal with dynamic, free thinking individuals. I would want highly qualified and talented people to run the town's departments. I would want these men and women to share their expertise and opinions with me and to be willing to argue their case if necessary. I would want to surround myself with people who I believed in and who I would be willing to trust to run their own departments. I would not try to micromanage every aspect of the town's business.

"The Town Council is an important branch of our government. The Council should be independent from the mayor. The Council should openly debate the important issues facing this town. Issues should not be decided in quiet, private meetings involving only certain councilors and the mayor.

"Debate about issues should be encouraged. Disagreements, without being disagreeable, should be commonplace. As an independent branch of our government, the Council should not rubber stamp any mayor's policies. The direction, policies, and budgets of this community can only be helped by honest, open, and if necessary, heated exchanges among the people's representatives.

"As mayor, I will claim no expert status. It will not be one person rule. I will encourage qualified people to share their opinions and ideas with me. If we can get to the point that we all look out for the best interests of the community, instead of protecting the image of one man, we can move this community dramatically ahead. If we learn to trust and respect the opinions of others, we can do it. If we stop pandering to a spoiled child, we can make real progress," said Stieg.

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## Campaign '95 - continued... Servis Concerned About Education

City Council candidate Kent Servis has released the following statement:

"As a parent and a former science teacher, I have a special interest in Agawam's youth as well as our schools. A quality education is more than the foundation, it is the very cornerstone of our children's future.

"Every community is faced with budget challenges, and Agawam is no different. Our school system accounts for the lion's share of the municipal budget, yet it would seem that we are getting less "bang for the buck" in the mid-90's than we did in previous years.

"This is not the fault of our dedicated teachers, but rather the result of good intentioned but unfunded mandates that are thrust upon local school systems from the state and federal levels. Our schools have taken over roles that were once the responsibilities of parents.

"Basic academic skills and achievement cannot be allowed to take a back seat to programs put forth by the social engineers in our state and nation's capital.

"With today's global marketplace and competitions, our youth must have the means to compete. Strong backgrounds in math, English, science, and history are necessary to produce graduates who can and must compete with foreign students whose systems are not as encumbered by social legislation.

"Extracurricular activities such as sports, band, orchestra, and special interest clubs and activities are necessary to learning the values of teamwork, self-discipline, and other character building traits.

"As your City Councilor, I will not be deciding school related issues. That is up to the citizens that you will carefully choose to comprise the School Committee. The council will, however, be deciding spending issues that will effect the operation of our schools and such things as extracurricular activities.

"Your councilors will have to do more than simply agree to write a check for such desirable things. They must help to provide the leadership necessary to bring new as well as compatible industry to our industrial parks. Homeowners and existing small business owners are finding it increasingly difficult to shoulder the growing tax burden. Sloppy accounting cannot be tolerated.

"In the end, it all boils down to money. We will either use our combined intelligence and creative skills to augment the tax base, or we will continue along the same old path. I prefer the former!

"As your City Councilor, I pledge to work hard to create new sources of revenue, instead of finding new ways to extract more revenue from the same old source—you and me!

"On Election Day, please invest one of your 11 votes for City Council with Kent Servis, and pull Lever 19A," concluded Servis.

## Kasparian Offers Several Proposals For New Council

"I would like to extend my thanks to the condominium association of Agawam for inviting me to their 'Meet the Candidates Coffee Hour' held on Saturday, October 20th. The event proved to be a good opportunity for me and other candidates to introduce ourselves to the members of the association and to learn about issues of particular concern to condominium owners.

"One particular issue that was brought up by the condominium association members was the real estate tax problem that condo owners face. Owners of condominiums are taxed at the same rate as other residential property in the town. However, they must then pay extra in the form of condo fees to have their streets plowed and their trash picked up. These are the same basic services which other homeowners are provided for in their tax dollars at no additional cost.

"This is not a new problem, but one that has been talked about for several years. The Mayor and present Council recognize that this "double taxation" is unfair and have been trying to remedy the situation with the state through legislation, but this is a very long process!

"As a Council member, I would propose an action to be brought before the new Council to help remedy and balance this tax inequity through some form of credit against the condo owner's real estate tax bill. This action would be designed to give some immediate relief from this "double taxation" until the remedy that is currently being sought by the current Council and the Mayor's office from the State Legislature comes through.

"If I am elected to the Council, I would also like to set up a system of representatives from the condominium association, school and parent groups, neighborhood citizen groups, senior groups, and other groups to have regular discussions with myself and other Council members on issues that are important to their members so that we can work together to bring these issues to the Council floor for discussion and action. I feel that the more people we have involved in our town government, the better it will be able to serve our needs.

"I will always welcome your input and ideas to help keep Agawam a great place in which to live.

Through education and communication, we can accomplish greater things together in our community," concluded Kasparian.

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## Moreno Offers Many Years Of Experience

Agawam Town Council candidate Valentine R. Moreno today released the following campaign statement.

Moreno said, "Agawam is looking at \$80 million of capital expenditure plans. Here's the question - WHY CAN'T WE, THE PEOPLE, as well as the City Council, get a true, total, and absolute audit of our financial affairs? The truth about the town's financial affairs are not available? Why?

"Numbers are spewed from the administration at City Hall without certain and total audits. Why does the administration hide the financial faults of our government? I have been the 'watch dog' of the financial affairs of Agawam's taxpayers for some 50 years and will not put up with this as a member of the council.

"Why do members of the council take orders from the Mayor? Why are these councilors allowed to do this? The Mayor operates without proper consideration to the 'separation of powers.'

"The council must give full consideration to its legal duties. The council must get to the truth of matters that are presented to them. A simple yes or no answer to any actions offered by the administration must and should get authentic and total investigation by the full council. That is their job! Otherwise, we have a dictatorship.

"How many issues have been decided in this community without them first being properly considered?

"How deep in debt must this community get before we control our runaway \$80 million debt? The present administration loves to spend and spend more. We must have members on the council who will question the Mayor and simply not nod their heads in approval.

"I am qualified to do this job as a member of the council. Please, allow me to be your financial 'watch dog' and work for you, the taxpayers of this community.

"The qualifications I have to be a member of the council come from years and years of involvement in our local government. I will work tirelessly for you, the taxpayers. I will see that you, the people, get the true story of any and all actions taken by the council.

"Please, pull Lever 13A on Tuesday, November 7th. As one of the 11 members of the council, you will hear my voice working for you," concluded Moreno.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Evelyn M. Stone

Evelyn M. (Thomas) Stone, 69, of Woodside Terrace, died at an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Wilmington, Vermont, she attended Wilmington High School and lived in the Brattleboro, Vermont area for several years before moving to Western Massachusetts 20 years ago.

She attended the Old First Church in Court Square, and belonged to the Salvation Army Adult Day Care Center.

She leaves her husband, Arthur Stone; a son, Arthur Jr. of South Hadley; four daughters, Deborah Stone, Darlene Ryan, Rebecca Stone, and Melissa Vasquez of Springfield; two brothers, Everett and Clarence Jr. of Brattleboro; a sister, Thelma Johnson of Iowa; 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

### Edward J. Kisielewski

Edward J. Kisielewski, 71, of 28 Sylvan Lane, Feeding Hills, a retired 37-year machinist for Atlas Copco in Holyoke, died Thursday, October 19th, in Noble Hospital, Westfield.

He was born and grew up in Amherst, and lived in Feeding Hills from 1956 to the present.

He served in the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946 during World War II. He received the Coast Guard Good Conduct Ribbon, WWII Victory Ribbon, the American Area Ribbon, and the European Area Ribbon.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. He was a member of the Polish Club of Agawam.

He leaves his wife of 39 years, Helen (Kisielewski) Kisielewski; a brother, Edward M. Kisielewski of Feeding Hills; three daughters, Julie Colwell of Medfield, MA, Louise Schuhlen of Chicopee, and Phyllis Frare of Feeding Hills; a brother, Joseph Kisielewski of Hadley, MA; four sisters, Jean Coderre of Stamford, CT, Connie Stich of Chicopee, Josephine Pelis of South Hadley, and Sophie Pelis of Florence, MA; and three grandsons.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to Noble Hospital, P.O. Box 860, Westfield, MA 01086.

### Jennie Egnatowich

Jennie (Holowchuck) Egnatowich, 63, of 7 Lapa Farm Road, Chicopee, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. With her husband, Louis Egnatowich, she was an officer of Self-Storage Centers and The Corner Shops Property Management Co. in Feeding Hills.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of the High School of Commerce. She moved to Chicopee later, and worshipped at St. Peter and St. Paul Russian Orthodox Church in Springfield.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Gary Tumel of Hampton, Conn., and James Tumel of Stafford, Conn., and a grandson.

The funeral was at Springfield Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040; the church renewal fund, or Panahida (memorial service).

### Ted E. Dynia

Ted E. Dynia, 77, of 468 Springfield Street, Agawam, a former town official, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Stores in Westfield for 34 years, and retired in 1980.

He was a former chairman of the Planning Board and the Veterans Housing Authority. He was a charter member of the Polish-American Club.

Born in Hartford, he was an Army veteran of World War II, and attained the rank of staff sergeant.

He lived in Enfield before moving to Agawam. He worshipped at the Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church in Enfield, and was in the Senior Men's Pool Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Helen Brozowski; two sons, Richard of Enfield and Joseph of Longmeadow; two daughters, Emily Cecchi of El Centro, California, and Lynn Chadderton of Springfield; a brother, Stanley of Enfield; two sisters, Emilia Meunier of East Longmeadow and Helen Kokofski of Enfield; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

The funeral was held at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels and the church, with a military burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

### Rena B. Belcher

Rena Blanche (LaBonte) Manning Belcher, 77, of 43 Eldridge St., Chicopee, a 20-year employee with the former Buxton Co. in Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1982. Previously, she was employed by the Bigelow Co. in Thompsonville, Conn.

Born in Holyoke, she was raised there and was a graduate of local schools there. She lived in Springfield most of her life and came to Chicopee 14 years ago.

Her first husband, Noel Manning, died in 1974 and her second husband, Edgar Belcher, died this year. She leaves a son, James Manning of Agawam; a stepson, Henry Belcher of Connecticut; four stepdaughters, Joan Goodnough of Agawam, Priscilla Moody of New Jersey, Ann Parker of Pennsylvania, and Susan Hooser of Florida; a sister, Margaret McComb of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Lawrence Manning. The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund or to the American Lung Association.

### Taffie Elim

Taffie "Mickey" Elim, 87, of 65 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, a retired 40-year employee of American Saw & Manufacturing Co. in East Longmeadow, died in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1979. Born in Springfield, he was a communicant of the city's St. Anthony's Maronite Church. He moved here three years ago.

His wife, the former Elizabeth Burgum, died in 1977. He leaves a brother, Joseph M. of Agawam, and nieces and nephews.

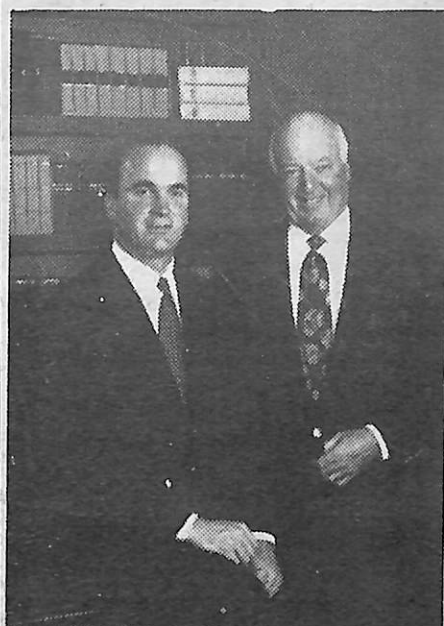
The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, 01118.

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## Donald F. Benton

Donald F. Benton, 76, of Sacramento, California, a retired pilot for Southern Air Transport and Japan Air Lines, died at home.

He retired in 1975. He served in the Air Force for 22 years, and retired from active duty as a lieutenant colonel.

Born and schooled in Holyoke, MA, he was a graduate of Williston Academy in Easthampton, MA, and Brown University.

He lived in Tokyo before moving to California in 1977. He was a member of the Officers Club at Mather Air Force Base.

His first wife, the former Beatrice Peche, died in 1988.

He leaves his second wife, Dorothy Benton; a son, Clyde E.P. of Feeding Hills; five daughters, Pamela M. Rigsbee of Westboro, MA, Hope B. Borghi of Columbus, Ohio, Linda A. Benton of Arlington, Texas, Maura Bishop of Bloomington, Indiana, and Barbara Beck of Linwood, New Jersey; 12 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Another son, Donald F. Jr., died in 1985.

The funeral and burial were private, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clarke School for the Deaf, Roundhill Road, Northampton, MA 01060.

## State Rep. Keenan Announces That Teachers Can Pick Up Applications For State Funds

Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced that applications for a new state program that will give new public school teachers who graduated at the top of their class up to \$7,200 towards college loans are now available.

Created as part of the Education Reform Act, approved by the Legislature, and signed by Governor Weld in 1993, the "Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program" gives qualifying teachers up to \$150 per month over four years to help pay for the cost of college: \$150,000 was allocated in this year's state budget to fund the program.

To qualify, applicants must be new teachers, beginning after July 1, 1994, and have graduated in the top quarter of their undergraduate class. Under provisions adopted by the state Board of

## Charles F. Henderson

Charles F. Henderson, Jr., 64, of 39 Merrell Drive, Agawam, a 10-year mechanical engineer for the U.S. Post Office Bulk Mail Center in Springfield, died Friday in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. Previously, he was a warehouse manager for McKesson Drugs in Springfield for 30 years.

Born in West Springfield, he graduated from local schools there and lived in Agawam for the past 30 years. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and served with the 8th Army. He was the recipient of the Korean Service Medal, the United National Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He was a member of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. He was a former Past Master of the West Springfield Grange.

He leaves his wife, the former Diana M. Choiniere; two sons, Charles F. III of Agawam and Scott E. of Mystic, Conn.; a daughter, Robin Henderson of the Thorndike section of Palmer; a brother, Gerald A. of Florida; and five sisters, Helen Fife and Lois McCarl of West Springfield, Leona Bandoski of Springfield, Harriette Willette and Barbara Avondo of Agawam.

The funeral was at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and burial was in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Education, preference will be given to teachers who are employed in low-income school districts where 10 percent of students or more qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Administered by the Executive Office in Education, the loan program was created to help attract the best students to teaching at a time when the state is undergoing a major effort to improve the quality of public education. The program has been initiated at a critical time. According to the latest federal surveys, Massachusetts has the second oldest teaching corps in the nation.

For more information, individuals can call the Executive Office of Education at (617) 727-1313 or EOE via the Internet: <http://www.eoe.mass.edu>

## Expediting Adoption Passed In Boston

Hoping to expedite the adoption of the approximately 4,400 children currently in state care, Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced that the Massachusetts House has approved a bill which revamps the Commonwealth's adoption laws. The move is aimed at speeding up the adoption process which now averages four years.

"This action will serve to place children in a more timely manner with families willing to provide warm, supportive, and safe environments. All too often, 11th hour obstacles stand in the way of a child's development by delaying the creation of a strong family unit through adoption," commented Rep. Keenan.

If enacted, the new law would require unwed mothers to provide a statement which identifies the father, who would have a limited time to file a petition of custody. This will prevent the current problem of fathers who have not been a part of a child's life in any way from holding up the process at the last possible moment. Another provision would limit the time a parent could challenge an adoption placement from one year to 60 days.

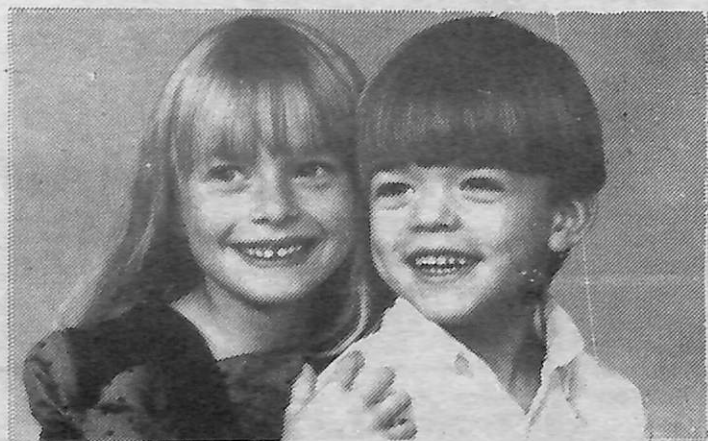
Other sections of the bill create a permanent position of a children's permanency planning coordinator within the probate and family courts. The coordinator would advocate for the children by ensuring their best interests were represented and their cases were advancing through the system.

Rep. Keenan went on to state that this bill is one in a series of measures that the Legislature has approved to address the needs of the Commonwealth's children. Through initiatives such as the Children's Medical Security Plan, Head Start, early intervention educational services, early childhood nutrition programs, and the major commitment to public schools made in the Education Reform Act, the Legislature is seeking to provide the necessary and essential elements which will allow all the state's children to reach their fullest potential.

"By providing children with healthy bodies and minds as well as a proper family setting, we can ensure that all our children have opportunities as well as a better quality of life," concluded Rep. Keenan.

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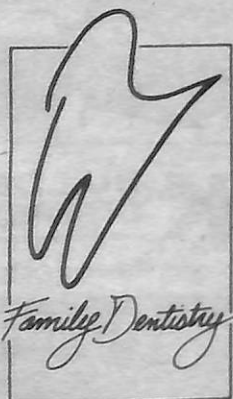
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# Melconian Blasts Weld On Vetoing Bill On Minimum Wage

Senator Linda J. Melconian's (D-Springfield) has sharply criticized Governor Weld's veto of legislation that would raise the state's minimum wage from \$4.25 per hour to \$5.25 per hour.

The higher minimum wage would be phased-in, increasing to \$4.75 on January 1, 1996, and then going up to \$5.25 a year later. This increase in the minimum wage would be the first since 1991. Approximately 250,000 Massachusetts workers currently earn the minimum wage.

An outraged Senator Melconian stated, "The hard-working men and women of this state must have the opportunity to earn a decent liveable wage. No one can support a family earning \$4.25 an hour," she said. "Our recently enacted welfare reform will not succeed, and we cannot move forward on tax incentives for manufacturers without also strengthening the position of low-income families struggling to stay out of poverty. Increasing the minimum wage will help families make the transition from public assistance to self-sufficiency."

Recent studies have shown that despite nine changes in the minimum wage during the past 20 years, the actual purchasing power of minimum wage workers has dramatically decreased. In stark contrast, the value of manufacturing wages actually rose by 6.7 percent.

Further exacerbating the disadvantage faced by minimum wage workers is the fact that these jobs rarely offer health insurance and provide earnings so low that displaced workers are often ineligible for unemployment insurance.

The economic burdens imposed on minimum wage workers fall disproportionately on women. Sixty-three percent of all workers paid the minimum wage are women, a fact which belies the common perception of the typical minimum wage worker as a teenager earning extra spending money.

A one-dollar increase in the minimum wage will generate an additional \$2,000 in income for a full-time worker, enough to pay for six months of groceries for an average family.

"Opening our arms to business while turning our backs on poor working individuals and families would be just plain wrong," concluded Senator Melconian.

# Autumn Buffet Slated By Swk. Democratic Town Committee

Southwick: The Southwick Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring an Autumn Buffet on Sunday, November 12th at Louie B's located at 101 Point Grove Road in Southwick.

The time is 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and the tickets are \$12 per person.

For information or tickets, contact Rusty Crowley at 569-6325. Deadline for reservations is November 3rd.

# Open Pantry Needs Turkey Day Donations

This Thanksgiving the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry is anticipating distributing Thanksgiving Food Baskets to approximately 350 Open Pantry families.

Already the Pantry is signing up families needing the extra food help at Thanksgiving.

Especially needed are **turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberries, and fresh potatoes and onions**, as each family will receive a turkey and trimmings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

All donations are welcome. For more information, call the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry at 734-7969 or bring the food items to 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

# Looking Back...

by David Gallano  
Agawam Historian



## October 1974

### OCTOBER 21st - POLICE CONFISCATE \$6,000 IN CIGARETTES

Agawam Police confiscated about 427 cartons of cigarettes from a vehicle with about 266 "hard core stag films." Police also said they found about \$1,000 worth of pornographic books and magazines inside the store at 1804 Main Street. The store owner, Edward Krawiec of 21 Coronet Circle, Agawam, was released on \$1,000 cash bail and will appear for arraignment in District Court. Agawam police Detectives Harold Jarvis, Clifford Lamson, Jr., James B. Frantz, Henry Drewnowski, and James Lewis are in charge of the investigation.

### OCTOBER 23rd - CHIEF GRADY DOUBTS FIRM CHOSEN CAN DO WORK

Police Chief R. Kenneth Grady today defended his refusal to sign and give approval of a comprehensive Police Department study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police as contracted by the town manager.

Tuesday, Town Manager James D. Westman blamed Grady for stalling the study.

Grady has repeatedly said he favors a study because of its importance in laying groundwork for mutual growth on the town and department. However, he indicated that his main criticism is aimed at the reputation of the IACP and Westman's failure to seek his recommendation prior to signing with the Maryland firm.

"I won't give my approval because I don't think the association can do the job," he said. "I told Westman that I would rather have the Municipal Police-Science Institute, Inc. make the study."

### OCTOBER 23rd - CHIEF SEEMS TO HEDGE ON STUDY - A commentary in an editorial in the Springfield Daily News by JIM SMITH

Agawam's police chief has a strange way of showing his support for a study on his department. Chief R. Kenneth Grady said the other day he favored a proposal for a study, which has been in limbo for 13 months.

Talk of the study started after someone stole 120 pounds of marijuana being held as evidence ... in a shed behind the police station, secured by a bicycle lock.

Now, a chief whose department is made to look that bad would want something done fast, right?

Town Manager James D. Westman wanted a study because of "inefficiency" in the department

## Local DAR To Hold Meeting November 7th

Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its November meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, on Tuesday, November 7th, at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a tea at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting will be under the direction of Regent Elizabeth Cahill of Wilbraham. Honored guests will include State Regent, Mrs. Vincent Vialle of Concord, and members of the State Executive Board.

"The Story of the Springfield Armory," a National Historic Site established by President George Washington in 1794, will be the topic of our guest speaker, Steven M. Beatty, Superintendent of the Springfield Armory.

The National theme for 1995-1996 is "PRESERVING HISTORY," so other monthly meetings this year will include Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg, and the burning of Springfield in the 17th century.

Those persons interested in membership in the Mercy Warren Chapter are welcome and should contact Marian Roan in Longmeadow, 567-5771; Shirley Gentry in West Springfield, 733-5484; or Jodie McGuinness in Westfield, 762-5080.

that, he said cryptically, "was not the fault of any one person, rather the fault of the whole department."

October came and went, as did eight more months, before any further word.

In June, Westman signed a contract with the International Association of Police Chiefs, which revealed diplomacy on the manager's part. What could be more acceptable to the police - or the police chief - than a study by the chief's association?

By contrast, Springfield, Amherst, and Wilbraham had picked civilian consultants: Westman wasn't taking any chances.

Grady had the chance in June to demonstrate his support by signing on the dotted line of the contract. In fact, the association required the chief's signature and consent before it would start.

Despite repeated requests by Westman, and finally, a letter from the association that went unanswered, Grady would not sign.

Westman shucked the diplomat's grab and blamed Grady for torpedoing the study.

It's hard to see why Grady would do that. After all, who better than the association of police chiefs could shape up an ailing department, and contrary to Westman's earlier contention, find the culprits?

### OCTOBER 29th - POLICE GUARD COUNCILORS AFTER THREATENING PHONE CALLS

Police protection for several town councilors was ordered today by Chief Grady after they reported receiving telephone death threats regarding tonight's special Town Council meeting. One councilor reported to police she received three separate telephone calls at her home and place of employment stating that if "she opened her mouth" tonight at the meeting, "we're going to kill you." At least four other councilors received similar calls, police said.

The meeting will call Town Manager James D. Westman before the council to answer questions on several governmental issues. Westman has received a list of questions to be discussed. However, he questioned the basis of the meeting and said some of the listed questions "have already been answered." Among the list of questions are those having to do with Westman's "lack of correspondence" in answer to citizens' letters and to town employee organizations, police cruisers, the Meadowbrook Playground facilities, procrastination in appointments and decisions, full-time assessor, the water bills and late tax bills, renovation of police station, and the Charter.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad was angered that there were "no specific charges made where Westman has done wrong." He took issue with Lockhart calling for a special meeting on the basis of "only four councilors" who had questions. "There are 15 of us," he said, "and if there were a majority calling for this meeting, it would have been different."

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## 45-Year Reunion For AHS Class Of 1950



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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 30th:** Baked chicken leg, potato wedges, corn, oatmeal bread, fresh pear.

**Tuesday, October 31st:** Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Wednesday, November 1st:** Turkey loaf, baked potato, acorn squash, whole wheat bread, blueberry crisp.

**Thursday, November 2nd:** Pot roast, roast potato, carrots, pumpernickel bread, tapioca with whipped topping.

**Friday, November 3rd:** Corn chowder, baked fish, rice Florentine, rye bread, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Halloween Is A Time For Motorists To Use Extra Caution

According to the Agawam Police Department, Halloween is a special time for children and a time for motorists to use extra caution.

Visibility is a problem for both motorists and children. It's difficult for motorists to see children in the dark, and some children's trick-or-treating costumes contribute to a lack of visibility.

Children may enter the street without looking or may dart out from between parked cars. Drivers should reduce their speed and use extra caution when making a right turn on red. As soon as it is dusk, motorists should use their headlights.

Parents should examine their child's costume before they go out trick-or-treating. The mask should be checked to make sure it does not obstruct the child's visibility. If necessary, enlarge the eye holes.

If the mask is still a problem, have the child lift up the mask when crossing the street. Parents should check the child's costume to make sure it's easy to walk in and does not hinder the child's movement.

While out trick-or-treating, parents should accompany young children. If the youths are older, they should go out while it is still light out. If they are out after dark, children should trick-or-treat on well-lit streets and wear light-colored costumes.

Parents should inspect their child's candy and treats before the child eats them. If there are any signs of unsealed, ripped, or tampered wrappers, the candy should be thrown out.

The Agawam Police Department will have additional bike patrol officers and an additional traffic officer assigned to assist the regular police patrols to assure a safe Halloween.

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## Mt. Greylock Chapter Does It Again



THE AGAWAM CHAPTER OF THE MT. GREYLOCK SOCIETY made the Annual Columbus Day hike up the state's highest mountain in Adams on October 9th for the 15th straight year. Included again were American Intercultural Programs students (AFS) at Agawam High School. Standing, from left - Brigitte Blum (Switzerland), Katia Prolongeau (France), Ging Klaewvigkrum (Thailand), Jim Reveruzzi, Christina Kaech (Switzerland, Windsor High AFS), Kaitlin Sardella, Maxine Cirillo, Dave Gallerani, Danielle Cirillo, John Dialessi, Rosalie Dialessi, Nicole Cirillo, Dan Dialessi, Ric Sardella, Pat Asta-Ferrero, and Brian Machos. Seated - Betsy Sardella, Brenton Reveruzzi, Chase Sardella, and Lisa Reveruzzi.

## Airman William Garvin Finishes Special Course At Air National Guard

Air National Guard Senior Airman William M. Garvin has graduated from the pavements maintenance specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Students were taught the construction, maintenance, and repair of aircraft runways, roads, parking areas, and the operation of power tools and equipment.

Garvin is the son of William A. and Jeanne C. Garvin of 117 Reed Street, Agawam.

He is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

## David Rose Completes Nat'l Guard Basic Training In Georgia

Army National Guard Pvt. David M. Rose has completed basic training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Rose is the son of Ralph P. Rose and Eileen P. Rose of 138 Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills.

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# Auto Club Urges Special Precautions For Halloween

Halloween can mean hazards unless drivers and parents take special precautions, according to the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley.

"This is one holiday that can get kids really fired up, what with parties, costumes, and all that candy," said Jeanine Keyes-Plante, managing director of Marketing and Public Relations. "Motorists also need to consider the nature of kids. It's not unusual for kids to enter the street without looking—and they're even more distracted on Halloween."

"Visibility can be a problem, too," Keyes-Plante continued, "for both motorists and kids. It's hard for drivers to see kids after dark, and trick-or-treaters may wear costumes that make them even more difficult to see. To make matters worse, masks can obstruct vision so kids can't see oncoming cars."

There is a lot that can be done to make Halloween safer, though. Auto Club of Pioneer Valley advises drivers to be extra alert for children darting out from between parked cars. And it's a good idea to turn on headlights at the first sign of dusk.

With so many children on the streets, a right turn on red can be risky, so motorists should use extra care when turning. An excellent rule of thumb is to drive at least five miles-per-hour under the posted speed limit in residential areas.

"Parents should be sure their kids can see clearly," Keyes-Plante added. "Enlarge mask eye holes and remind kids to remove masks before crossing the street. Better yet, encourage them to wear makeup instead of a mask. Makeup won't interfere with their vision and it's fun to wear."

Parents should accompany young trick-or-treaters or send an older brother or sister along. If someone older can't go, kids should trick-or-treat with a group and tell parents what streets they plan to haunt.

Children should trick-or-treat while it's still light and wear light-colored costumes that don't obstruct their vision. If kids must go out after dark, they should trick-or-treat on well-lighted streets.

Here's a bright idea: carry flashlights or glowsticks and trim costumes with retro-reflective tape. Available at auto-supply, hardware, and sporting-goods stores, retro-reflective tape shines brightly in headlights.

Safety is the name of the game. Trick-or-treaters should be reminded never to dart out from between parked cars—especially in the middle of the block—and to walk on the sidewalks, not in the street. If there is no sidewalk, they'll be safer if they walk facing traffic and as far out of the road as possible.

The Auto Club of Pioneer Valley is a not-for-profit motor club with offices in West Springfield and Holyoke, providing over 95,000 members with travel, financial, and auto-related services.

For further information, call the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley at (413) 785-1381, ext. 207.

# 45-Year Reunion For AHS Class Of 1950



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1950 gathered for their 45-year reunion at The Gathering Restaurant in West Springfield recently. IN TOP PHOTO are classmates who traveled the furthest to attend the big event. From left - Norm Sattler, San Diego, California; Mary Conway Ball, Tennessee; Vivian Herdendorf-Plouffe, Florida; and Jim Cassidy, San Antonio, Texas. IN PHOTO BELOW are members of the Reunion Committee - John A. Mercadante, Nancy H. Aramini, Barbara Riggo, Thelma Coughlin, Jackie Fenton, and Dominic DiClementi. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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# Agawam Senior Center Calendar For November

**Wednesday, November 1st:** 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

**Friday, November 3rd:** 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening.

**Friday, November 3rd:** 1:00 p.m. "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center" Annual Meeting with election of officers. Public invited.

**Friday, November 3rd:** 1:00 p.m. Duplicate bridge.

**Friday, November 3rd:** 1:00 p.m. Cribbage/Pitch.

**Saturday, November 4th:** Saturday Nite Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 6th:** Reservations open for Thanksgiving Dinner Party.

**Monday, November 6th:** 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

**Tuesday, November 7th:** 9:00 a.m. SHINE representative available. Call 786-0400, ext. 242, for appointment.

**Tuesday, November 7th:** 11:30 a.m. Birthday and Anniversary Celebration.

**Tuesday, November 7th:** 12:30 p.m. Movie of the week.

**Tuesday, November 7th:** 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appointment needed.

**Wednesday, November 8th:** 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Dickert. Call his office for appointment.

**Wednesday, November 8th:** 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers meeting, Chapter 1.

**Thursday, November 9th:** Bay Path show—"The Pajama Game." Tickets - \$5.

**Friday, November 10th:** Senior Center closed—Veterans' Day.

**Saturday, November 11th:** Saturday Nite Bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 13th:** 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

**Monday, November 13th:** 9:00 a.m. Weldon Center Hearing Van (by appt.). Call Senior Center for appointment.

**Tuesday, November 14th:** 12:30 p.m. Movie of the week.

**Wednesday, November 15th:** 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

**Thursday, November 16th:** 9:00 a.m. Foot care nurses. Call their office for appointment.

**Thursday, November 16th:** ASGA meeting (Agawam Senior Games Athletes).

**Friday, November 17th:** Thanksgiving Special Dinner (by reservation). No classes or activities on this day.

**Saturday, November 18th:** 5:30 p.m. Saturday Nite Bingo.

**Monday, November 20th:** 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

**Tuesday, November 21st:** 10:00 a.m. Mini Tag and Food Sale. Participants—Council on Aging, ASGA, and "Friends."

**Tuesday, November 21st:** 9:00 a.m. SHINE representative available. By appointment; 786-0400, ext. 242.

**Tuesday, November 21st:** 12:30 p.m. Movie of the week.

**Tuesday, November 21st:** 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check. No appt. needed.

**Wednesday, November 22nd:** 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 1.

**Thursday, November 23rd:** Senior Center closed (Thanksgiving Day).

**Friday, November 24th:** 1:00 p.m. Duplicate Bridge.

**Friday, November 24th:** 1:00 p.m. Cribbage and Pitch.

**Saturday, November 25th:** 5:30 p.m. Bingo.

**Monday, November 27th:** 1:00 p.m. Agawam Chapter AARP meeting (no Bingo).

**Wednesday, November 29th:** No Golden Agers' meeting.

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## ACTIVITIES UPDATE

"Creative Cards," which takes place on Fridays, has changed the starting time from 1:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Creative Cards" is a creative greeting card class under the direction of Gladys Francazio, who created the art several years ago. The cards are made from recycled cards (to which a new face is given in terms of "an artistic new look").

The finished product is used for Senior Center birthday and anniversary celebrations, and as a fundraiser through the "Gift Shop." Gladys welcomes new students anytime.

For information, call 786-0400, ext. 242, Sandra Smith.

## MINI TRIP UP AHEAD!

The next "Mini Trip" tentatively planned will be the Armory Museum and the Basketball Hall of Fame. The date has not been set (pending on interest).

Please call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

## BAY PATH THEATRE

"The Pajama Game" is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th. The donation is \$5 per person, and transportation will be on your own.

"The Pajama Game" brings you back to the 1950's with many songs that became standards, such as "Hey There," "Steam Heat," and many more.

Call 786-0400, ext. 242, for information.

## THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION... FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

Again, Betty (the Senior Center cook) and her talented crew are putting their heads together to make this "thankful" day a very special one for our Agawam seniors. Besides the traditional turkey, there is always that "extra something" special which is always a pleasant surprise.

The Activities Department has booked that popular and talented duo, Libby and Jessie, as the feature attraction for the entertainment.

Reservations will open on Monday, November 6th. Also, please keep in mind that for this special

holiday dinner, tickets will be available for sale on the 17th at 11:00 a.m. (not before), and the dining room will open at 11:15 a.m. Also, reserved seats are NOT PERMISSIBLE.

The staff and management thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

## SING FOR FUN

The Activities Department is looking for a few more singers (especially male voices) to join the group. Remember, it's all for self-enjoyment and fun.

The group will meet at the Senior Center on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and will be under the direction of Jessie Rivers. Call the Activities Department to sign up—786-0400, ext. 242, Sandra Smith.

## CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

There are a few more openings for the Spanish class. The meeting dates have, as yet, not been determined.

However, if you are interested, please call the Senior Center to sign up.

## SHORT TRIP COMING UP!

"The Agawam Friendly Travelers" is having a mini trip "Christmas Party," which will be held at Chez Josef on Tuesday, December 5th.

The headliners are Paul Wayne and Mark Verselli (music and clean comedy), plus the famous food and atmosphere of our own "Chez Josef," which has recently been rated *best* of the top 50 in America for restaurant and food service. Furthermore, Santa has promised to stop by that day.

The luncheon menu features a choice of baked ham, baked scrod, or chicken Cape Cod plus, plus all the fixings.

For reservations and further information, contact "Friends" travel person, Nellie, at 786-9093.

## "OLDIE BUT GOODIE"

"Reiki" (pronounced Rayke) was demonstrated at the Senior Center Health Fair '95 by practitioner Carole Handler and well received. In the Vsui system of Reiki, the healing energy is channeled through the body and into oneself (or another person) through the hands.

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Reiki originated in the Tibetan monasteries as a method of self-healing. Healing is on the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual plane.

This service can be available at the Senior Center to seniors with a sizable discount (pending on enough interest). For interested parties, please call Carole at 737-7853 for an appointment.

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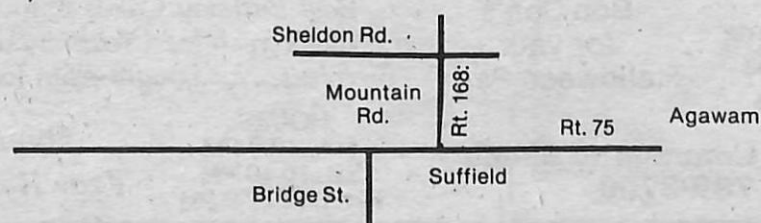
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### FAMILY PROGRAM

**LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS** - Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Beavers are extremely active at this time of year; therefore, we have a good chance of seeing these large rodents. Spend a crisp fall day exploring an area of the Quabbin Reservoir looking for beavers and the many signs they leave behind. The fee for this program is: Massachusetts Audubon Society member \$13/\$10 (adult/child) and \$15.50/\$12.50 for the public.

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**WINTER SURVIVAL** - Saturday, November 4th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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**HOLIDAY CRAFTS THE NATURAL WAY** - Thursday, November 9th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

If you are looking for great new ideas for holiday crafts to share with your children or students, we've got them. Make the holidays come alive naturally as we use pine cones for ornaments, use recycled material for greeting cards, and/or make a dreidle. The fee for this program is: Massachusetts Audubon Society member \$8 and \$10 for the public.

### CHILDREN EXPLORE NATURE

**FOREST FORAY** - Sunday, November 19th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The woods at this time of year are a hive of activity as the residents prepare for the cold of winter. Venture into the world of chipmunks and other subterranean dwellers. Try your hand at developing your own midden. This program is designed for Grade K through 2. The fee for this program is: Massachusetts Audubon Society member \$6.50 and \$8 for the public.

**LAUGHING BROOK ECOLOGY CLUB** - Saturday, November 18th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Specially designed for nature-minded youngsters in Grades 6 through 9, this program gets your child involved in research and ecological management of the sanctuary. Learn how the Sanctuary maintains its habitats and endangered species. The fee for this program is: Massachusetts Audubon Society member \$9 and \$11 for the public.

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## Ag. Lions All Set For Big Breakfast

The Agawam Lions Club will sponsor a Harvest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 5th, at the Agawam Lions Club on the Eastern States Exposition grounds, West Springfield, with servings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The cost for adults is \$3.50, and children are \$2 each. The profits this year will be used for scholarships and other projects.

Tickets may be purchased from any Lions club member or at the door.

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## 'Italian Night' Held At Country Estates



COUNTRY ESTATES REHAB AND NURSING FACILITY held an Italian Night on October 18th. IN TOP PHOTO is one of the families who attended with resident Josie Panna. In photo is Stephanie Luvera, Anna Luvera, Stephen Luvera, Doris Henault, Irvin Henault, and Nicole Luvera. IN PHOTO BELOW are members of the Innarelli Family - Maryann, Sophia (resident of Country Estates), and Attilio. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Polish Women's Auxiliary Holds Annual Crafts Fair



IN TOP PHOTO, Italia Cecchini was a featured artisan at the October 14th Annual Crafts Fair sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary at the Polish American Club. IN PHOTO BELOW, Ann Ogorzalek and Laurie Drzewianowski were selling ceramic crafts, including many pumpkins for the Halloween season. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



POLISH AMERICAN CLUB Women's Auxiliary members, from left - Carmella Backiel, Helen Kisielewski, and Helen Daubitz supervise the baked goods table at the October 14th Annual Crafts Fair at the club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Targets Drum & Bugle Corps Organize; Interested Members Sought For Group

It's official. The Targets Drum and Bugle Corps has been reorganized. There will be an Open House on Sunday, November 5th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Greenleaf Community Center, Parker Street, Springfield for prospective members, parents, and anyone interested in learning about

the future of the Corps.

Support is also needed from former members. Everyone is welcome to attend to find out about Springfield's newest youth activity.

More information may be obtained by calling Abby at 783-2405 or Dave at 783-9421.




## "Bear Storytime" To Take Place At The Ag. Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages three and up are invited to bring teddies and family members to a special "Bring Your Bear Storytime" on Tuesday, November 7th, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.


Join us as we share stories, songs, games, and a snack all about our special friends. Families with a 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule may especially enjoy these monthly evening programs.

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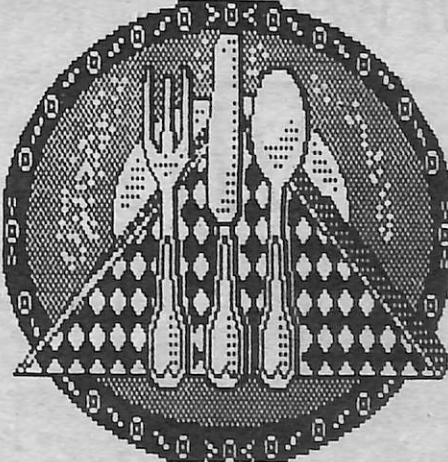


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The Legion is having a Raffle every two months to benefit the Legion Building Fund. The three winners of the last Raffle were all Post members. The prizes this time are: first prize, \$200 cash; second prize, \$100 cash; and third prize, six prizes of \$25 cash. In total, there will be eight winners.

Legion members are asked to bring your tickets to work, the Senior Center, or ask friends. Make sure phone numbers are on the stubs. The drawing will be held on Monday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. You need not be present to win.

On Sunday, October 29th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., the American Legion will hold its Annual Children's Halloween Party at the Post. There will be treats, candy, and games. There will be contests, and prizes will be awarded for game winners and costumes in different age groups. Please come and enjoy the fun. Children and grandchildren of Post members are welcome.

On Wednesday, November 8th, Wilson Thompson Post 185 will host a Dinner at the Post. The menu is spaghetti with meatballs or sausage, salad, and all the fixings. The money raised will be used for the Post's Child Welfare fund.

Tickets are \$3.75 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children under 12. Give your wife or girlfriend a break from cooking and come on down for dinner. See you there!

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## Susan L. Moccio Weds Michael W. Krueger

Susan Lynn Moccio, daughter of Bonnie J. Moccio of Westfield and Leo D. Moccio of Agawam, exchanged wedding vows with Michael W. Krueger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Krueger of Mandan, N.D., on July 1st at 2:00 p.m.

The bride is the granddaughter of Al and Loretta Moccio of 339 Suffield Street, Agawam.

Msgr. Rev. Stanley J. Srnc officiated the ceremony at The Church of St. Raphael in Crystal, Minn., accompanied by organist Kathy Dobbins and vocalist Bertha Lunzer.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Sara Jean Moccio. Attending as bridesmaids were sister of the groom, Susan Krueger, and friends of the bride, Patricia Furioni of Westfield, Michele Cardell, and Heather McGee.

Serving as best man was friend of the groom, Guy Schultz of Glendive, Minn.

Serving as ushers were friends of the groom, Greg Giese, Davis Strandemo, Todd Opp, and Kevin Tureson.

A reception for 130 friends and relatives was hosted at Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Plymouth, Minn.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and will reside at 1198 Virginia Ave., North in Champlin, Minn.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Westfield High School and a 1989 graduate of Roanoke College. She is the director of admissions at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Montana State and a C.P.A. for Virchow, Krause, and Company.

## Cathedral's Class Of '75 To Hold Reunion On November 24th

Cathedral High School's class of 1975 invites classmates to their 20th reunion on **Friday, November 24th, 1995, NOT November 12th** as earlier announced. The reunion will be held at the Fairview Knights of Columbus, Chicopee, MA.

For more information or if you can help us find missing classmates, please contact Anne Dumais-Cuvellier, 525-4572; Loretta Vecchiarelli, 589-7987; or Vinnie Walsh, 782-9055.

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## Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of Events For November

**November 1st:** Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest, Sgt. Steven Draghetti, who will speak on "Seniors and Law Enforcement Together."

**November 3rd:** Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**November 6th:** Chapter 2 - A trip to Boston Harbor on the cruise ship "Odyssey." Dinner and entertainment.

**November 8th:** Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest, Mr. Peter Savenko from Baystate Medical, speaking on "Nutrition for Seniors."

**November 15th:** Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest entertainer, Mr. Don Safford.

**November 22nd:** Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

**November 24th:** Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**November 27th:** Chapter 1 - Trip to Radio City Music Hall to enjoy the "Christmas Show."



### Pancake & Sausage Breakfast To Benefit Senior Athletes

Come one, come all and enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast done to perfection by the Agawam Lions Club for the Agawam Senior Games Athletes!

The breakfast will take place this Sunday, October 29th, at the Agawam Senior Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any of our Agawam Senior athletes.

If you need any further information, please contact Janice Bonk, ASGA Secretary, at 786-4297.

## Agawam Legion Plans Country-Western Fest On Sunday, Nov. 12th

On Sunday, November 12th, the Wilson Thompson Post 185, Inc., the Feeding Hills Branch of the American Legion, will host its third Country & Western Jamboree at the Post from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be five top country bands hosted by The Rustlers. Admission at the door is \$5. Hot dogs, hamburgs, and French fries will be sold with all the fixings.

A 50/50 raffle will also be offered. Half the money raised from this raffle goes to the Post and the other half to a lucky winner.

All monies raised from the Jamboree will go to Junior Achievement. So put on your boots, climb on your horse, and ride on down to the Legion Corral and dance with the bands.

The Post's next monthly meeting will be held on November 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Members, please try to attend. The more, the merrier!

## Camping Slide Show To Follow Agawam Garden's Banquet

Betty Johnson of South Hadley will present a slide show travelogue on "Camping Experiences in the Southwest" following the annual banquet of the Agawam Garden Club on November 14th at the First Baptist Church hall on Elm Street.

Mrs. Johnson has been camping since her teen years and later with her husband and their six children. Now an octogenarian, she claims to thrive on it. She is also an active owner of Johnson's Christmas Tree Farm. She engages in mowing the tree fields, playing tennis, and enjoying the outdoors.

Reservations for the annual banquet must be made by November 3rd with Barbara Gagnon, club treasurer.

Barbara Pemberton, vice president, will officiate at the business meeting and will discuss plans for the annual "Greens" meeting at the home of Peggy Shoemaker.

Club members were invited to visit the Boglisch Nursery on Main Street, near Riverside Park, on October 3rd. Members of the Boglisch family—Brenda, Dale, Jeff, and Glenn—presented a program of information and demonstration. They showed how one would dig and ball a young tree by hand, and then demonstrated how it is done on their tree farm with modern equipment.

Members also assisted this month with the town tree survey.

## Heritage Hall Announces Annual Christmas Bazaar

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a Genesis Health Venture nursing facility, is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off of Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community. In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at (413) 786-8000.

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is one of 100 centers throughout the country owned by Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. Genesis provides a broad range of health care services to the geriatric population.

## The New Badge No. 1



AGAWAM FIREFIGHTER Daniel Champigny was honored by Chief David Pisano on October 12th for attaining "badge number one." Champigny now has the most senior rank on the department with 28 years experience. He was appointed to the AFD on March 22nd, 1967. Champigny lives in town with his wife, Julie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Landmark Tours Gala Coming Dec. 5th

Celebrate the season in grand style with Landmark Tours at our gala holiday show, Tuesday, December 5th at the famous Chez Josef in Agawam, featuring headline entertainers Paul Wayne and Mark Verselli, strolling minstrels, Santa Claus, and five star food and service!

Mark Verselli is one of America's best young impressionists, with a wonderful singing voice. Comedian Paul Wayne has opened for the likes of Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, and Jay Leno, among others.

Dinner and entertainment is \$32 (with own transportation). Show time is 10:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Contact Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 or stop by the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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# Church News

## Pancakes Taste Great At F.H. Congregational



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 14th. From left - Amanda Rozanski volunteered her time as one of the servers; IN PHOTO CENTER, Richard Rozanski said the breakfast was delicious; and IN PHOTO RIGHT, the Reverend Robert Donaldson offered his talents as one of the chief chefs. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## “Bounty & Dreams” Title Of Sermon At F.H. Congregational October 29th

“Bounty and Dreams” will be the title of Rev. Donaldson’s sermon this Sunday. Please join us for worship at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Literacy Class begin at 9:00 a.m. Children are encouraged to attend morning worship with their parents at 10:00 a.m. Nursery care is provided.

Members of the congregation are needed to be visitors to visit other members of the congregation for our all-member visitation pledge drive which will occur in November.

A special training session will be held on Tuesday evening, November 7th, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested and available to visit, please contact Lani Kretschmar after church or at 786-9025.

Youth Group members have been working their “fingers to the bone” to make this year’s Halloween Party a “howling” success.

Boys and “ghouls” should plan to join in the “monstrous masquerade” here at the church on October 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We’re just “dy-

ing” to give you the “creeps”!

The Ladies Benevolent Society is planning a chicken supper to be held on Saturday, November 11th.

Please call Marjorie Taylor at 786-1935 if you can help with the setting up, baking, serving, or any of the other tasks that need to be done.

On the calendar this week:

**October 29th:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 11:30 a.m., Christian Ed meeting; 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Youth Group Halloween Party.

**October 30th:** 5:00 to 6:15 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Big E meeting.

**October 31st:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**November 1st:** 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

**November 3rd:** 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

**November 5th:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; 1:30 p.m., Youth Group goes to Rescue Mission.

## Holly Wreath Bazaar At Ag. Congregational

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam is sponsoring a Holly Wreath Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Homebaked goods, dried flowers, houseplants, handmade gifts, stocking stuffers, candy, jewelry, crafts, and a white elephant table are a few of the items featured.

The Christmas Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. serving a light luncheon. A special handmade prize will be raffled off.

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**Church News - continued...****Hymn Sing Scheduled At First Baptist**

An old-fashioned hymn sing will be held at First Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Streets, this Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Favorite hymns will be sung and background information of the three top selections will be given by Pastor Richard Barnes, noting how, why, or under what circumstances the hymn was written.

Regular morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. to which visitors are always welcome. There will be opportunity for fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in Davis Hall, after which there will be classes for all, including two adult classes—"Nuts & Bolts Christianity" led by the Pastor, and "When God Whispers In Your Ear" led by Everett Hodge.

The Senior High youth group will meet from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

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A study group, begun last spring, will be reinstituted beginning this Thursday, November 2nd. Entitled "Take Out and Talk Out," participants are invited to bring a bag supper or take out supper and join the group, which starts at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The Gospel of Mark will be studied. Coffee will be provided.

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**Also on our calendar this week:**

**Tuesday, October 31st:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class

**Wednesday, November 1st:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open

**Thursday, November 2nd:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Nuts & Bolts Christianity Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 4th:** 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Youth "Clean Up" Day

You are welcome to attend any of the activities at First Baptist. Come and be a part of this growing congregation.

**Chicken Pie Supper Slated By Ladies Benevolent Society**

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper, mini-bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 11, 1995.

The menu will include: chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight years of age, and preschool-age children are free. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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**Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational**

On Sunday, October 29th, Rev. Curt Fuller's Sermon will be "Mistakes, I've Made A Few" from Text: Luke 18:9-14. The Children's Message is "He's Just Not Like You!"

This Sunday, we welcome New Members into the church.

Church School continues, with adult and seventh through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade meeting at 10:30 a.m. during the Worship Service.

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The Jr. Choir continues to meet following the Worship Service. All children ages three to 16 are welcome to attend the choir practice.

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Playgroup for infants to pre-school is every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information about the Playgroup, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430 or the church office at 786-7111.

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The Midweek Service is held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This service is a half-hour, informal Worship Service with hymns, prayers, and communion.

Stewardship Sunday is November 12, 1995.

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A Piano Recital presented by Brad Tilden will be held on November 12th at 3:00 p.m., with a reception following the program.

A donation of \$3 is requested.

**Harvest Supper And  
Mini Fair Slated At  
Mittineague Church**

On Saturday, November 4th, Mittineague United Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield, will be hosting a Harvest Supper and Mini Fair.

The Mini Fair will take place from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the Harvest Supper will have continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Crafts, gifts, knitwear, and baked goods will be sold at the fair, and the menu for the supper will include gourmet roast beef, vegetables, and homemade apple pie.

For super reservations, call 788-0304 or 739-0546.

**Sweatshirt Sale On  
For October 27th At  
F.H. Congregational**

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship will be holding a sweatshirt sale on Friday, October 27, 1995 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street (Rte. 187), Feeding Hills, MA.

Name-brand sweatshirts, tee's, and other athletic clothing will be sold at wholesale prices.

**Upcoming Events At  
Ag. United Methodist**

Worship on Sunday, October 29th, is at 9:30 a.m. Requests for prayers on behalf of the sick, the unfortunate, and others in need of spiritual support are honored.

Please call 786-5278 to leave your requests.

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Children meet for Sunday School following the children's message at the beginning of worship. There are classes for children of all ages. These continue to 10:45 a.m.

Refreshments for children will mark the popular Halloween eve.

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Youth and Young Adult Entertainment Evening will be at 6:00 p.m.

They will meet, play games, share ideas, enjoy music, display talents, discover the way forward, and enjoy refreshments.

On November 12th, we will be brought face to face with the live situations of mission fields in other areas of the world, through the first-hand knowledge of a guest speaker.

Mission Sunday will also highlight the involvement of our local congregation in missions both at home and abroad.

**Rummage & Book Sale  
At Temple Beth El**

An enormous Rummage and Book Sale will be held by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El at 979 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA, on Tuesday, November 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, November 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children's and adult clothing, household items, toys, books, and more will be among the items available for sale.

A \$3-per-bag special will be running all day on Wednesday, November 8th. Bags will be provided.

**Louise Pilegi Named  
As St. John's Winner  
Of Pope Pius Award**

Louise Pilegi, a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, has been selected by the Parish Religious Education Board to be the recipient of the Pope Pius X Award for 1995.

She has been an active volunteer in the Parish Religious Education program for the last seven years. Her services include substitute teacher, teacher aide, office helper, parking lot supervisor, and coordinator of the Sunday Morning Preschool program.

Bishop Thomas Dupre will present medals to recipients from all Catholic parishes in Agawam, Southwick, Westfield, and West Springfield at a special Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. This Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th.

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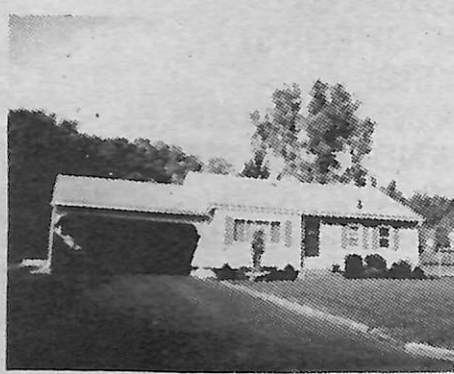
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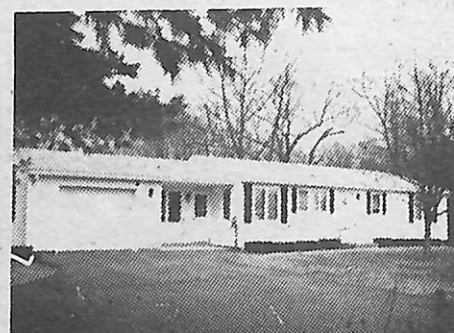
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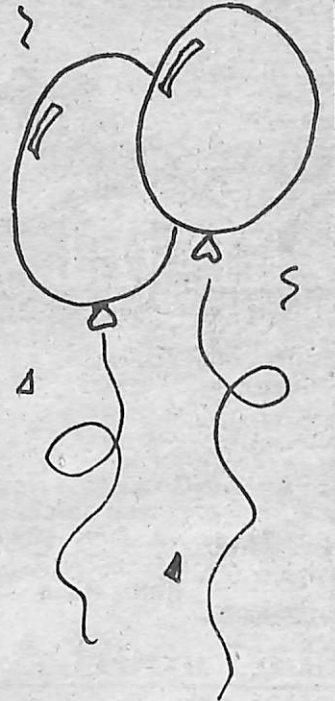




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9:00 AM - NOON	WPKX RADIO REMOTE AND GIVEAWAYS
NOON - 1 PM	AEROBIC MONTE CARLO AUCTION!
12:30 - 2:30 PM	WAQY ROCK-102 BLUE FIRETRUCK VISIT & OBSTACLE COURSE WITH PRIZES!
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## Spotlight On Business

### THE BIG E Pumps Big Bucks Into WMass

The 1995 Big E pumped approximately \$50 million into the local economy and provided temporary employment for nearly 3,500 area residents during the fair's 17-day run, according to Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary.

McCary said, "The 17 days of The Big E infused approximately \$50 million into the local economy, a result of monies spent at the fair, and in local hospitality, service and retail industries including hotels, restaurants, convenience, drug and grocery stores, and gas stations. These services are utilized by commercial and agricultural exhibitors, 4-H club and FFA members, and approximately one million fairgoers, many of whom stay in the area for several days."

The Big E also provided jobs, temporarily employing close to 3,500 area residents as office, parking, maintenance, and crowd control personnel and as salespersons, cooks, general laborers, wait persons kitchen help, and ride and game attendants in the Magic Midway area.

According to McCary, fair income, which is derived from many sources including exhibitors' fees, ticket and parking revenues, and sponsorships, reverts to the local economy when the Fair purchases supplies and services from area businesses.

Other factors contributing to The Big E's economic impact are: local home and property owners who allow fairgoers to park automobiles on their land; and increased business for firms who generate inquiries by exhibiting at the fair.

The \$50 million tally is for The Big E alone and does not include the more than 100 events held at the 175-acre facility throughout the year, which also contribute to the local economy.

In order to maintain, improve, and provide a safe facility to stage events throughout the year, the Exposition depends on the services of the Town of West Springfield. In 1994, the Exposition paid: \$293,485 in real estate taxes; \$23,692 in licenses and fees; \$167,351 in fire protection; \$151,362 in police protection; \$16,135 for inspectors; \$2,109 in excise taxes; and \$78,510 in water and sewer fees.

Eastern States Exposition also contributes one percent of its annual gross revenues to The Big E/West Springfield Trust Fund, the result of an agreement struck in 1993 when the town agreed to allow The Big E to extend its run from 12 to 17 days. The first contribution to the fund, \$107,984 representing one percent of the 1994 gross revenues, was made at Eastern States Exposition's annual meeting, Sept. 30th. The fund, which is administered by a committee comprised of the Board of Selectmen and ESE trustee Donald Chase, is designated for use in educational, youth, and senior programs.

The 75th anniversary edition of The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," will take place September 13-29, 1996.

### Westfield Savings Notes Third Quarter Increase For Assets

"Nineteen ninety-five continues to be an outstanding year of growth for Westfield Savings Bank," President Donald A. Williams reported to trustees recently.

"During the third quarter, assets increased \$6,527,406, bringing Westfield Savings Bank to a new high of \$460,785,092. A major contributor to this increase was a deposit gain of \$3,278,945, which brought total deposits to \$405,505,895 as of September 30th," he continued.

"The local real estate market has continued to perform well," according to Mr. Williams. "Mortgages registered a gain of \$664,022 during the quarter, even after the sale of more than \$7 million in loans."

"The total mortgage portfolio as of September 30th was \$268,895,035. Activity on consumer loans continues strong," Mr. Williams noted, with a third quarter increase of \$1,446,462 raising total consumer lending to \$27,997,745.

Net income for the year to date through September 30th was \$3,060,957, an increase of \$1,236,552 for the third quarter.

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**THE COLLEGE HIGHWAY, SOUTHWICK** branch of Westfield Savings Bank is beginning its five-year anniversary celebration in conjunction with the 225th anniversary of Southwick on Friday, October 27th.

### Westfield Savings Bank To Celebrate 5-Year Anniversary In Southwick

"Celebrate Southwick" is the theme of Westfield Savings Bank's Southwick Office Fifth Anniversary celebration which gets underway Friday, October 27th with the cutting of a giant anniversary cake.

Westfield Savings Bank President Donald A. Williams and local Office Manager Robert M. Brown will be on hand to greet visitors and to dispense pieces of the birthday cake.

In keeping with Southwick's 225th Anniversary, the bank will be offering customers opening new savings or checking accounts a choice of cotton tote bags imprinted with the Southwick seal or sets of four tumblers with the seal etched into the glass.

Westfield Savings Bank has provided service to

many Southwick residents since it was founded in 1853. The growth of the business from that area prompted the bank to open a special Southwick Office in 1990. Since that time, the number of local depositors has increased dramatically.

The office is located in a handsomely restored 19th century homestead that has been meticulously maintained. From that location the bank provides complete banking services for local residents and businesses. The bank's "Celebrate Southwick" campaign will continue throughout November, concluding with a drawing of several door prizes, including a 25-inch television set, a VCR, a snow thrower, and a getaway weekend for two in New York City.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



**THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF NEWSCHU REAL ESTATE, INC.**, is moving to the former Shawmut Bank building at 820 Suffield Street, Agawam. From left - Gerry Scala, Anna Ruszczyk, John Schuler, Kathleen Morace, Helen Schuler, and Jim Crawford. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Newschu Real Estate Moving To Former Shawmut Bank Building

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Newschu Real Estate, Inc., of 20 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, will occupy new offices at 820 Suffield Street, Agawam on November 4th. The new location is at the center of Suffield and Silver Streets, a building formerly housing a Shawmut Bank branch.

The Newschu Agency is owned by John Schuler of Barry Street, Feeding Hills and his wife, Helen. The couple have two sons, Raymond and John, Jr. While holding a full-time job with an energy company, John Schuler had part-time jobs as an agent for different real estate companies in the area. He opened his own agency in 1991, and Helen was affiliated with the agency on the managerial and business level since its inception. She is also a licensed real estate agent.

In April 1993 the agency affiliated with Century 21. It is relocating because of the rapid growth of the business. Schuler says, "One of the reasons for this growth is our association with Century 21, and because of the quality of service we provide."

The agency employs six sales associates, including James Crawford, Russell Sabdosa, Gerry Scala, Anna Ruszczyk, Kathleen Morace, and Fred Pokrzywa. It is the Schulers' goal to have 20 agents.

A unique aspect of the company's code is that they act as a single agent, Schuler said. They represent a buyer or a seller, never both. The group services Agawam, Feeding Hills, and surrounding towns, centering primarily on residential properties.

The new offices are in the progress of being redecorated, and while they will be open for business on November 4th, a public grand reopening is set for November 18th. Folks will be invited to visit between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. on that day to see the site and become acquainted with the staff and the services they offer.

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### Country Estates Of Agawam

**Robert J. Engell, Executive Director**

Shorter hospital stays and longer, more active lives have created the need for alternative care following an injury, accident or stroke thus creating the need for various levels of continuing health care.

Country Estates Of Agawam, located in Agawam at 1200 Suffield Street, was designed to provide comfort, safety and a home-like atmosphere for the elderly and those in need of short-term rehabilitation. In the company of people the same age, they will experience planned daily activities and recreational programs geared towards individual interests and abilities. Their qualified professionals provide 24-hour skilled nursing care as well as physical, occupational and speech therapy for individuals recuperating from an illness or accident, enabling them to return home as quickly as possible, as well as long-term care for those who choose Country Estates as their new home. With the onset of managed care within the insurance industry, Country Estates Of Agawam offers private and semi-private Medicare/Medicaid approved rooms. Nutritionally balanced, home-cooked meals are provided with special diets carefully followed. The modern facility is equipped with fire alarm and sprinkler systems to ensure each resident's safety. For their residents' comfort, the facility is also equipped with central heating and air conditioning with individual controls.

Country Estates Of Agawam invites you to visit their facility when you are faced with the decision of choosing nursing care or therapy for yourself, a family member or friend. The goal of the entire staff is to personally care for and professionally serve each of their residents and patients. For more information, a personalized or group tour, please phone their Director of Admissions, Gina Blackie, RN, at 789-2200.



# Halloween Coloring Contest



## CONTEST RULES:

- ★ Winners will receive gift certificates good at Toyworks.
  - ★ Contest only for students in grades K-4.
  - ★ Deadline for entries is Monday, October 30th.
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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Fitness First Health & Fitness Center Celebrating 10 Years On Oct. 28th**

Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills will be celebrating its 10th anniversary with an "Open House" this Saturday, October 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Co-owners Kurt and Paula Welker have managed the popular health club since its opening on September 1, 1985. The club has grown in both members and facilities over the years. The Welkers have acknowledged that it takes a lot of caring for both members and employees to run a successful business.

Fitness First is well-known in the area for its professional staff and well-kept facilities. The club has become a popular activity for families since the indoor pool was added in 1989.

And last year, Fitness First added the Institute for Human Performance, which has become the area's leader in wellness programs. It has taken an aggressive approach to making the community more aware of medical issues related to health and wellness.

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The celebration begins with free workouts, free

fitness classes, and a free healthy snack buffet offered during the open house.

At 10:00 a.m., members and non-members are welcome to bring in their children to a fun Halloween costume party, and then stay and swim with them in the free pool and pizza party until 1:00 p.m.

Join radio personalities from both Rock 102 and KIX Country 97.9 during the Open House on Saturday. WPKX will be broadcasting from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and Rock 102 will have its BIG BLUE Firetruck in the parking lot from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Both stations will be offering free giveaways.

There will also be a special one-day incentive for non-members to join during the Open House celebration, along with free door prizes on the hour. For those that are really into aerobic workouts, there will be a free Double Step Master Class.

For more details on participation, call Fitness First at 786-1460.

**Fitness First "Teen Night" To Start Up On November 4th**

Fitness First is kicking off "Teen Night" again this fall with a special PIZZA PARTY on Saturday, November 4th, from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. All Agawam High School students are invited to come to work out, play, swim, and socialize!

"Teen Night has been a very successful addition to the Agawam students' social calendar now for two years," states Assistant General Manager of Fitness First, Barb Vinciguerra. "It keeps the students physically active as well as off the streets and out of trouble."

All students are invited to work out at Fitness First each Saturday night from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. during the school year. The cost is only \$3 per student. (A valid AHS student ID must be presented.)

Dates when the Teen Night will not be offered due to prior Fitness First engagements and school vacations: November 18th, December 16th, December 23rd, and December 30th.

**Computer Specialties Offers "Business Training Classes"**

Computer Specialties, located at 300 Springfield Street in Agawam, is currently offering "Business Training Classes."

All classes are held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will cover the following topics: PC Basics; Lotus; Microsoft Windows; Microsoft Word; Wordperfect for Windows; Microsoft Excel; On-Line Services; Networking; and Windows 95.

For more information and to register, call 786-1425.

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**New Realty Agents**

NEWSCHU REAL ESTATE AGENCY, INC., soon to be located at 820 Suffield Street, Agawam, has added Anna Ruszczyk and Kathleen Morace to its staff. Newschu is leaving its office in Feeding Hills Center for the bigger building that once housed Shawmut Bank. RELATED STORY & PHOTO ON PAGE 36. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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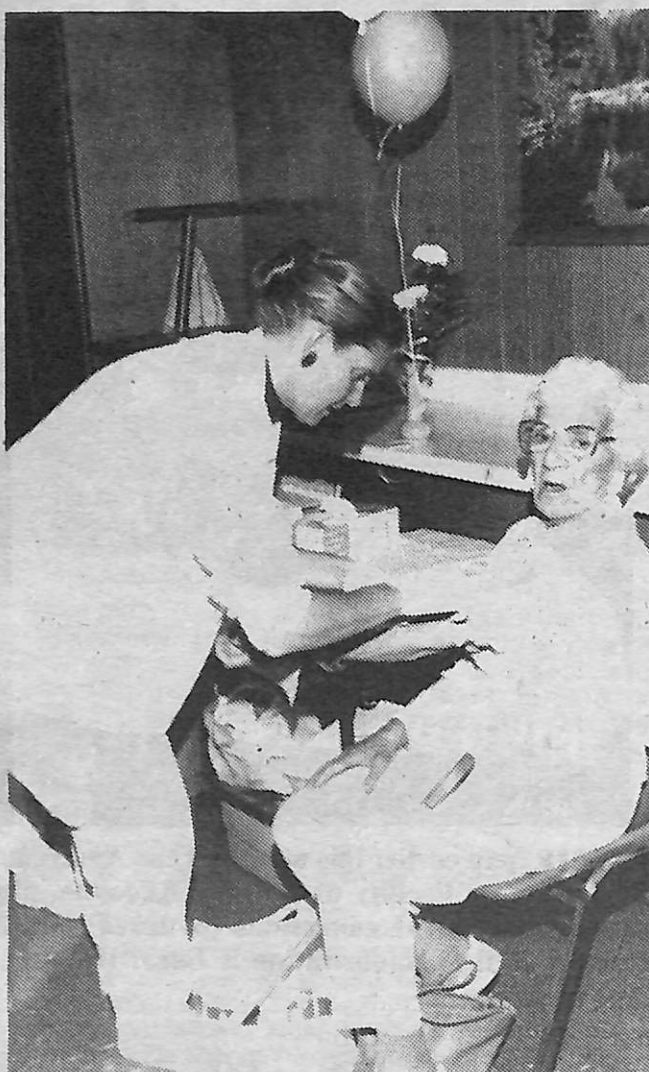
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# For Your Health

## Annual Health Fair Held At Senior Center



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER held its Annual Health Fair earlier this month. IN PHOTOS, FROM LEFT - Nellie Wright with Dr. Joseph Schlaffer of Schlaffer Chiropractic in Agawam; MIDDLE PHOTO - Noble Hospital of Westfield Nurse Darlene Ligenza takes a blood sample of senior citizen Madeline Thompson. PHOTO RIGHT - Betty Durant of Frances Kelly Massage Therapy of Agawam gives a message to Jennifer Dodge. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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*For Your Health - continued...***Annual Health Fair Held At Ag. Senior Center**

AT THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR held earlier this month at the Agawam Senior Center, representing Country Estates Rehab & Skilled Nursing Facility were Frank Kilcoyne, physical therapy director, and Gina Blackie, registered nurse and director of admissions (pictured with Ann Olechny). IN PHOTO RIGHT, giving Carolyn Marinello a Reiki demonstration is Carol Handler. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 39. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet on November 7th and 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

## Agawam Health Dept. To Hold Influenza Clinic On October 31st

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an influenza clinic to be held at Pheasant Hill Village, Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on October 31st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as: heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes.

## Holiday Bazaar Slated At Mercy Hospital

Take the pressure out of holiday shopping this year with a visit to the Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary.

The bazaar will be conducted on November 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the hospital's Atrium Lobby, located at 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

Shoppers will find handcrafted items, jewelry, stitchery, holiday gifts and decorations, plants, and baked goods, along with original artwork from some of the region's most talented artists.

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## For Your Health - continued...

### Health Screenings For Month Of November At Providence Hosp.

Providence Hospital in Holyoke will conduct the following health screenings during November:

**Free blood pressure screening** - Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., room 115, Catherine Horan Medical Building.

**Cholesterol screening** - November 9th, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., room 115, Catherine Horan Medical Building; \$10 donation. Results will be mailed to participants, and will include a total cholesterol profile—HDL, LDL, triglycerides, and cardiac risk.

**Blood glucose screening** - November 9th, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., room 115, Catherine Horan Medical Building; \$2 donation. Results will be mailed to participants.

No advance registration is needed; however, fasting for 12 hours (water is allowed) prior to blood glucose or cholesterol testing is required.

For more information, call Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., (413) 539-2938.

### Breastfeeding Class To Be Offered At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will conduct a Breastfeeding Class on November 9th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Taught by certified lactation consultant Madeline Boland, R.N., I.B.L.C., the program provides information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, breast-pumping techniques, and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience. Partners are encouraged to attend.

The cost is \$10, and advance registration is required. For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

### Mercy Hospital Plans To Conduct Seminar On Midlife Health

For many of our mothers and grandmothers, menopause was something to be endured. Today, women approaching midlife have more options, and more decisions to make.

"Choices: Exploring Midlife Health Issues," a health awareness seminar to be held on November 4th at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will offer the information women need to make the most of this new phase of their lives.


Karen Ferroni, M.D., will lead a program on "The Hormone Question." Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) is among the most hotly debated topics in women's health. Participants will learn about midlife cycle changes, and receive the most current information about HRT. Dr. Ferroni is a gynecologist in private practice in Holyoke.

"The Positive Picture of Midlife," with Judith Uckerman, B.S.N., M.S.C.S., includes a narrated slide presentation investigating a positive view of the self at midlife, emotional changes, and possibilities for growth. Uckerman is a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist at the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts, Worcester.

Nancy Dell, R.D., will present "Choosing the Right Balance for Midlife," a lively discussion of how to eat your way to good health and energy. Dell is a registered dietitian whose nutrition reports are seen on WWLP-TV, Channel 22.

The four-hour seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes light refreshments. It is sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, and the Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital.

To register, or for more information, call the Center for Women's Health, (413) 539-2950.



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This past week, I experienced an uncomfortable pain in my right upper back. It was a constant aching pain that was sharp when I moved my head forward, backward, or to one side. The pain was due to a "rib out of place."

There are 24 ribs in the body, 12 on each side starting at the base of the neck. Ribs move slightly up and down with breathing. Occasionally, ribs can get "locked up" or "stuck" and not move properly. This can cause local pain and muscle spasm.

What causes this to happen? Sleeping incorrectly, sudden quick movements, motor vehicle accidents, lifting excessive weight, or lifting incorrectly can all contribute to this.

What can be done? Massage therapy or muscle work can help loosen the muscle, but if an underlying joint is not moving, only a chiropractic adjustment can restore the proper motion. That may be why some people have chronic tightness in the shoulder and upper body.

If you are suffering with chronic or acute back pain, you may want to get checked out by a chiropractor.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic at 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions by phone on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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## Harvest Bazaar

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### NOVEMBER HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT GROUPS AT NOBLE HOSPITAL

All programs meet in the hospital Auditorium unless noted.

#### Stroke Support Groups:

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| For Patients | Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.  |
| For Families | Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.  |
| For Both     | Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m. |

meets in the Bronson Dining Room

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| Sports and Rehabilitation | Nov. 9,  |
| Open House                | 4-7 p.m. |

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| Better Breather's Support Group | Nov. 13, 2 p.m. |
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| Heart Smart Bingo | Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m. |
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| Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation | Nov. 15 & 22,<br>6:30 p.m. |
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meets in the Education Department

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| Alzheimer's Program | Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. |
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| Crohn's & Colitis Support Group | Nov. 21, 6 p.m. |
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| Diabetes Support Group | Nov. 27, 1 p.m. |
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For more information on any program, or to register, please call the hospital at 568-2811, ext. 5577.



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**For Your Health - continued...**

## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Foods To Help Menopause Symptoms

When women stop producing the hormone estrogen, they enter menopause. This usually occurs during the 40's and 50's, and many women have symptoms.

But, according to a recent survey, it took an average of 15 months for women to realize their symptoms were due to menopause. Symptoms include hot flashes, vaginal dryness, mood swings, food cravings, constipation, and water retention. Yet, 32 percent of women didn't recognize the symptoms of menopause.

Researchers note that women living in the Orient don't often experience these symptoms. One reason may be because they eat foods high in phytoestrogens.

Phyto means plant. Phytoestrogens are plant sources of estrogen that can minimize menopause symptoms. Foods made from soybeans like tofu and miso are the number-one source of plant estrogens.

According to the NCI, one cup soybeans contains as much as one premarin, an estrogen replacement pill. But you will also find some in chickpeas, in grains like rice and oats, and in vegetables like green beans and carrots.

British researchers found that eating just 10 percent of your calories from foods high in phytoestrogens—say four ounces of tofu a day—improved symptoms after six weeks.

This research, however, doesn't mean you should disregard the idea of taking estrogen pills. The research on how foods affect menopause is new. Be sure to discuss the role of estrogen replacement therapy and phytoestrogens with your doctor.

*Nancy Dell, MS, RD, is the Media Representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.*



## Living Well

by Rick Hersom  
Fitness Director  
Fitness First Health  
and Fitness Center  
60 N. Westfield St., F.H.  
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### The Many Benefits Of Increased Fitness

Millions of people participate in some kind of recreational or competitive sport each year. Whether it is softball, tennis, golf, horseshoes, swimming, cycling, skating, skiing, or a dozen other activities, most people have at least one goal in mind: to improve.

Sometimes improving seems beyond your reach, especially if you do not have hours every day to devote to your favorite pastime. In actuality, improving your performance only takes minor training added to your current routine.

The benefits of increased fitness have long been enjoyed by professional athletes. Adding strength training two to three times per week can help you gain strength and prevent injury by helping to stabilize the joints - the joints at which most injuries occur. Adding cardiovascular training two to three times per week will give you more energy, help you perform more efficiently, and increase your endurance.

So no matter what your activity is, a fitness program will improve your performance, and it just might help you to enjoy yourself more, too. If you are currently participating in an activity, or if this is your off-season, it is never too late to improve.

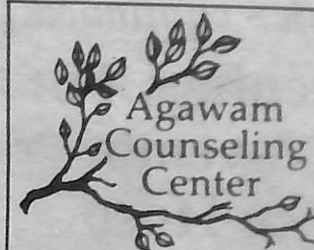
Note: Fitness First will hold a pre-ski conditioning clinic November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. A ski instructor will address issues such as edging, mental imaging, and proper techniques, and an athletic trainer will address how to condition your body with sport specific training.

Call 786-1460 for reservations.

### Childbirth Education Course To Be Held At Providence Hospital Starting Nov. 1st

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will conduct a childbirth education course on Wednesday evenings starting November 1st through December 12th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in room 115 of the Catherine Horan Medical Building at the hospital.

The program will help prepare expectant parents for the birth of their baby, providing infor-



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### Parents: Concerned About Adolescent Substance Abuse?

by Michaelene Dalton  
Substance Abuse Specialist

Know how to talk with your children about drug and alcohol use? What should you look for if you wonder if your child is using? We know that our youth are at high risk for drug and alcohol problems.

Students report stress over grades and relationships, problems at home, and peer pressure as some of the reasons for substance use. With the school year in full swing and the holidays fast approaching, many teens will be faced with situations where there will be drugs and alcohol present.

In the most recent Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, 76 percent of high school students have used alcohol at least once, and 28 percent admitted to having five or more drinks on one or more occasions, 34 percent of high school students have used marijuana in their lifetime, six percent cocaine, four percent steroids, and 13 percent other drugs.

This does not mean that your child has to be a statistic. Parents can learn to be more effective in helping their children to resist drug and alcohol use, or in getting them help if they are already using.

The Agawam Counseling Center is now forming an Information, Education, and Support group for parents to address these important issues. The group will meet for six weeks from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., beginning November 8th, and is open to all interested parents. Cost is \$15 per session.

For more information or to register, please call the Agawam Counseling Center, 30 Southwick St., Feeding Hills at 786-6410.

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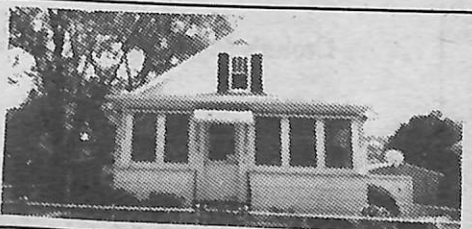
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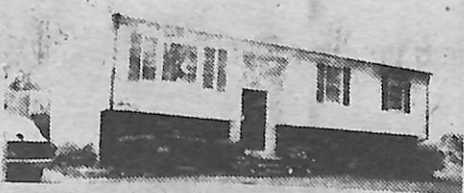
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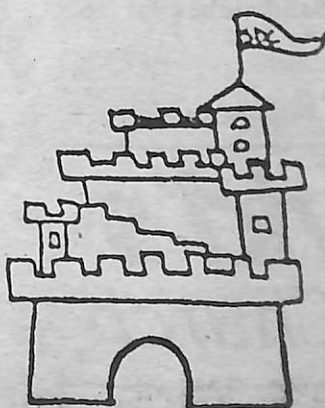


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# Arts



**JEM MOORE and ARIANE LYDON** will be singing at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Saturday evening, October 28th.

## Celtic-Esque Duo To Perform At F.H. Congregational

The One More Song Coffeehouse Concert Series, sponsored by Feeding Hills Congregational Church, will present the Celtic-esque duo Jem Moore and Ariane Lydon on Saturday, October 28th.

Tickets are \$8 each and will be sold at the door. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, located at 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. For more information or reservations, call (413) 584-2417.

Jem and Ariane are an extremely intriguing Celtic-esque duo. Their intricate instrumentals are unfailingly pretty and surprising. Even familiar songs such as Steven Foster's "O Susanna" take on a new feel when these two perform it.

Ariane's voice has been described as rich and full-bodied, and both Jem and Ariane are multi-instrumentalists. They play guitar as well as hammered dulcimer and Celtic harp (among other acoustic instruments).

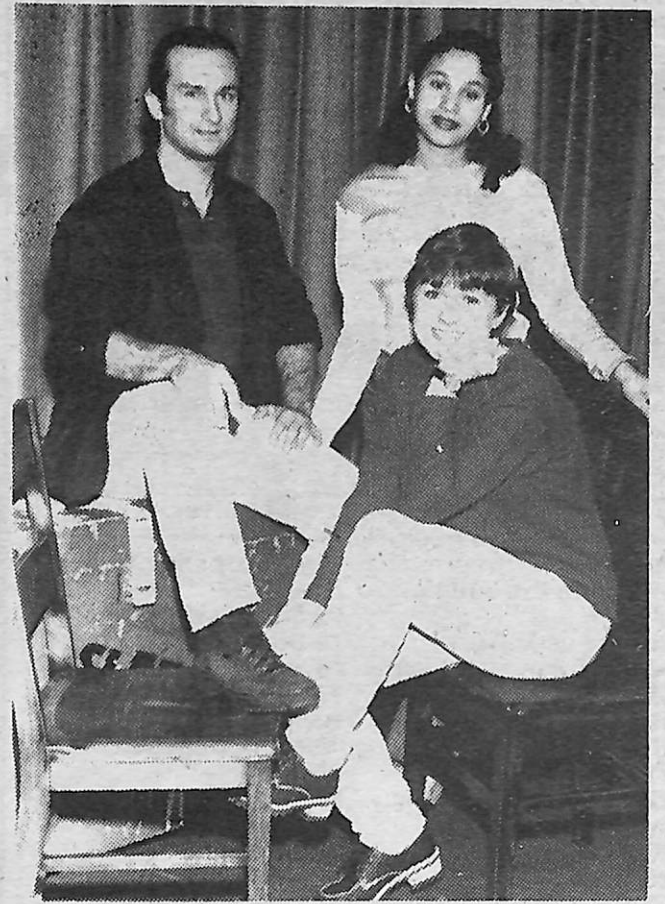
An article in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* said, "They have ... a strong consistent style which is melodic, expressively played, and has the simplicity of folk, the rhythmic excitement of jazz, and the refinements of classical music."

Jem Moore and Ariane Lydon are touring in the New England area from Georgia. They will be here only a short time, so come and see them while you can. If you miss them on this trip, it could be a long time before you get this opportunity again.

The One More Song Coffeehouse is a smoke- and alcohol-free listening place. Long, candle-lit tables surround a low, centrally-located stage.

Homemade snacks, as well as hot and cold beverages, will be available. Music ranging in style from traditional to contemporary will be presented at the One More Song Coffeehouse.

## Bay Path Show



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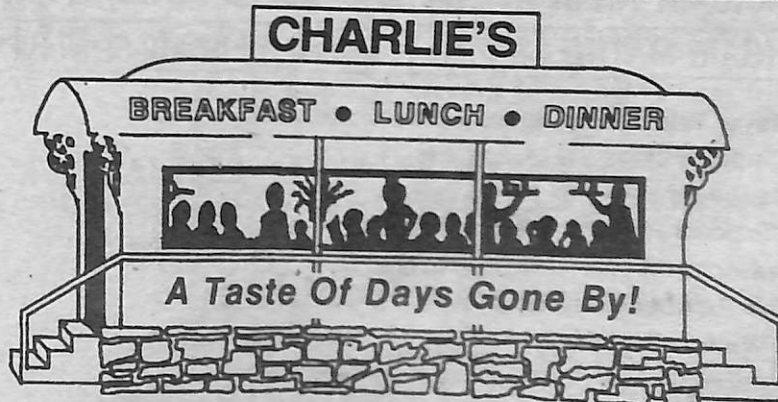
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## F&F Productions Chat With Tom Jones



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## Suzanne Strempek Shea To Speak To Polish Women's Auxiliary Nov. 6th

Suzanne Strempek Shea is scheduled to speak at the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish-American Club on Monday, November 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Shea was raised in Three Rivers, attended Palmer High School, and received a degree in photography from Maine's Portland School of Art. For the past 15 years, she has been a reporter for the *Springfield Newspapers*, and also did work for the *Providence Journal* in Rhode Island.

Her first novel, *Selling the Light of Heaven*, was

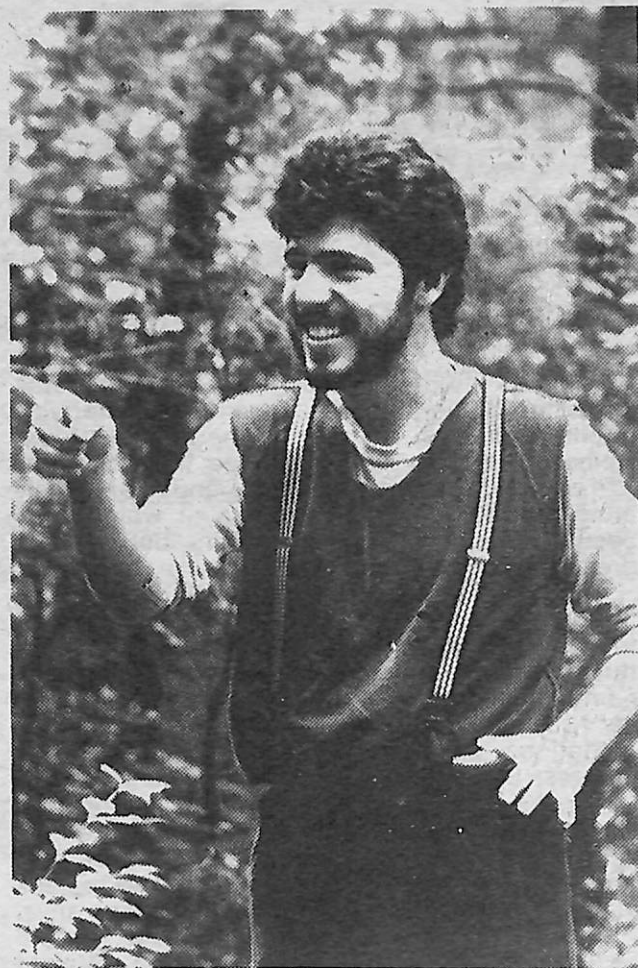
published in June 1994 and has won rave reviews from publications as diverse as *The Washington Post* and *The Polka News*. Her second novel will be out in June 1996.

Presently, she resides in Bondsville, where she is inspired by the Polish-American community. Her husband is columnist Tom Shea.

The public is more welcome to attend this presentation. For additional information, please contact Mary K. Labun, 786-4057.

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On Friday, November 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., John Porcino, storyteller and musician from Amherst, will entertain area families at the Agawam Public Library as part of the First Friday Series, sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

John has performed, taught, and led storytelling workshops from Kansas to Maine. His programs are celebrations of story and song filled with warmth, humor, zest, and a touch of audience participation. A talented guitarist, cellist, and fiddler, John combines his love for music with a message of caring for humanity and respect for the environment.

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by Louis Pisano

## “Rocky” Road To Success!

There is nothing worse than a fading star. Sylvester Stallone burst upon the moviegoing public in his first big role as the famous Rocky Balboa in “Rocky” (1976). Since then, Stallone has starred in countless pictures and has tried his hand at different genres, some of which have been more successful than others, but none as great as his initial work.

Sylvester Stallone’s stardom peaked when the “Rocky” sequels came out, solidifying him as a force to be reckoned with. Then came Rambo. For three films, Stallone played the disgruntled Vietnam veteran John Rambo. This was probably his second-biggest role.

Stallone also starred in some box office failures. Such films as “Cobra,” “Cannonball,” “Over the Top,” and “Rhinestone” disappointed movie audiences. It began to seem that Stallone was fading fast. Once the last Rocky sequel, “Rocky V,” was over, Stallone finally had to seek alternate roles to keep his Hollywood image alive. He teamed with Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger and opened the Planet Hollywood cafe.

Sly Stallone has also tried his hand at comedy, but to no avail. “Oscar,” a box office bomb, hinted that Stallone might not be cut out for comedy. Yet still he tried again with “Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot” alongside Estelle Getty. This film also proved to be a failure.

It seems to me that Stallone is currently selling himself the only way he now can—as a sex symbol in films such as the recent “The Specialist” with the repulsive Sharon Stone, and the newly released “Assassins,” which probably won’t be much different (at least not as far as Stallone’s performance is concerned).

One Stallone film that I recommend is called “Nighthawks” with Billy Dee Williams. This features a quality performance by Stallone that’s definitely worth watching. There’s plenty of action, drama, and even humor within the story.

Although I hesitate to say that Stallone is totally without talent, it must be recognized that his box office punch (no pun intended) has lost its steam. He’s relying solely on image to get by before being swallowed up by some other Hollywood hunk.

It seems that Rocky has finally lost a fight. (WRITER’S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of “Pisano’s Picks ... On Video.” Send your suggestions, comments, etc., to me in care of “The Agawam Advertiser News,” P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)



PICTURED ARE AGAWAM AND FEEDING HILLS STUDENTS who attend the Mary Ann Dance Studio. These girls were part of a group of dancers from the Mary Ann Studio who won first place as the “Best Youth Group” at the Annual Columbus Day Parade in downtown Springfield.

## Mary Ann Dance Studio Students Win First Place At Columbus Parade

Students of the Mary Ann Dance Studio are very happy as they celebrate their award for first place “Best Youth Group” in the Columbus Day Parade, held in Springfield Sunday, October 8th.

The students who participated range in age from two years-old, who rode on the antique fire engine, up to teenagers, who danced precision routines as they marched. The Mary Ann Studio is located on Main Street in Agawam and Boston Road in Springfield.

The faculty and staff of the studio are very proud of the fact that they have marched in every single Columbus Day Parade—37 of them—since the very first one. Mary Ann students have gone on to dance professionally in the Greater Springfield Area and have won many honors from charitable and civic organizations.

Teachers in the Mary Ann Dance Studio are Michelle Butler, Angela Shuman Grout, and Cindy Palazzi, all life-long residents of Agawam.

The students who achieved this award are Christie Ronca, Sarah Latif, Tracy Landry, Natalie Piccin, Janelle Erskine, Gina & Christina Graziano, Kelsey McClure, Shannon Jobbins, Kelly Horton, Erica Troy, Brittany DeVoe, Melissa Perry, Seema Gada, Jessica & Elizabeth Perry, Kelli Sullivan, Jillian Perry, Jenelle Masotti, Katelyn LaValley, Amy Stevenson, Lauren Gagne, Michelle Depetry, Christina Davis, and Robyn Gingras.

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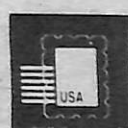
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## Education



AREA ARTIST MARIE FLAHIVE uses Junior High eighth grader Kelly Webb as a model during a visiting artists class at the school on October 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Artist Demonstrates Watercolor To Students At Junior High

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

When their visitor unpacked the tools of her trade, Junior High School art students weren't surprised to see paints, paper, brushes, and even a spray bottle. But, what did a salt shaker have to do with a watercolor demonstration of portrait painting?

Freelance artist and teacher Marie Flahive of Westfield solved that mystery by sprinkling the salt on portions of her painting to absorb excess paint and water (as she sculpted the image of her model from the lines and shadows on the paper).

Starting by soaking her paper with the spray bottle, Ms. Flahive took the students step by step through the technical aspects of working with watercolors to create an interesting portrait. She used the reflected light and the little details of a model's face and even their clothing.

"I consider it a privilege to come here and do this," Ms. Flahive said. "I enjoy it because I'm using all my training as an artist and as a teacher."

With funding from the PTO, art teachers Andrew Kraus and Debora Florek arranged to have Ms. Flahive demonstrate portraiture to all the students enrolled in art classes this semester. Using randomly selected students from each class as models, Ms. Flahive completes a portrait in the class period and allows the model to keep the portrait.

**Fits In With What Students Learn In Art Classes**  
"This fits in with what we teach in our classes," Kraus said. "It's like a field trip that comes to the school and covers all the kids. It's good for all the students to have this experience."

Art Department Curriculum Coordinator Geraldine Schilling-Nordal said, "I wish we could afford to have more people come in. It's good for the kids to get a different perspective. It was a very good presentation with the way she explained everything as she went along."

Ms. Flahive told the students one of the fringe benefits of being an artist is that painting is fun, and she urged them to remember to enjoy working on any art project.

"You have to be willing to change your mind midstream and go with what's happening to create more areas of interest. There's no law against going back as many times as you want until you get it the way you want," Ms. Flahive said.

Although she specializes in watercolor portraits and landscapes, Ms. Flahive also works with ink, charcoal, pastels, and acrylics that focus on a variety of subject matter.

The school models chosen by lottery during her first visit this year were Phil Sampson, Bill Campana, and Kelly Webb.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, October 30th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, seasoned green beans, mustard, relish, catsup, chilled fruit cup, milk.

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\* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/weekly.

## Fitness First Open To AHS Students Nov. 4

On November 4th, Fitness First, in conjunction with the Agawam High School P.T.S.O., will open on Saturday evening again this year.

This will be the third year that this program will be offered to the students at the Agawam High School.

Fitness First opens Saturday nights for the High School students only! The club closes for their members at 8:00 p.m. The hours for the High School will be 7:30-11:00 p.m. The cost is \$3 with school I.D. If you are an Agawam resident, who attends school outside of the town, you are welcome, also. But you must still bring your school I.D. and and I.D. with your Agawam address.

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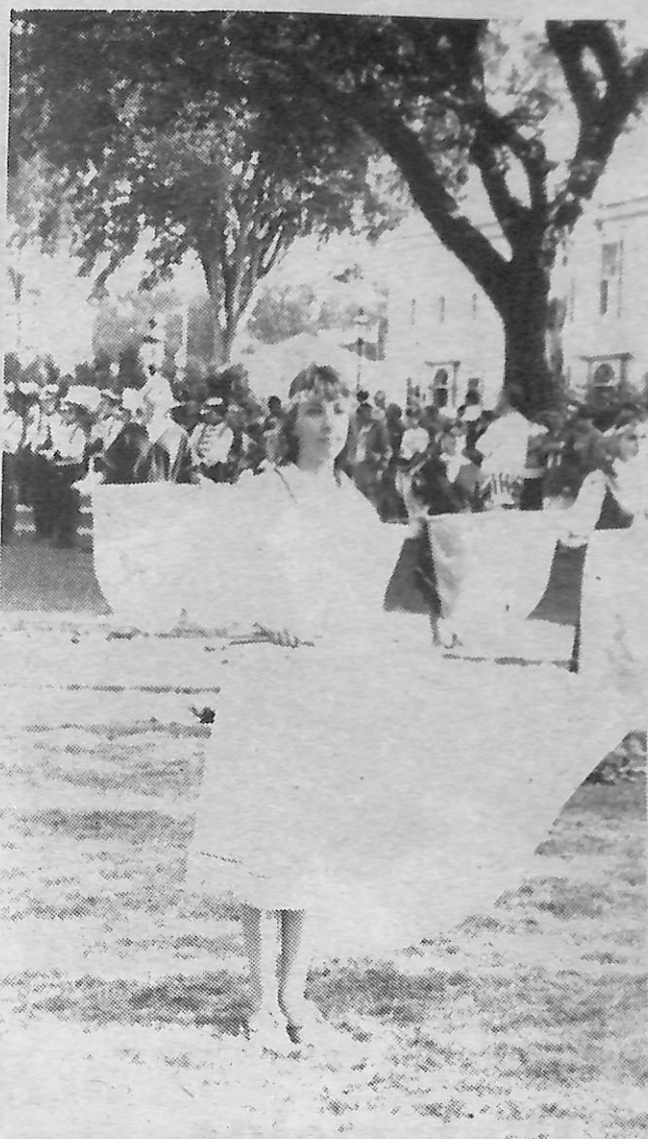
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# AHS Marching Mohawks Lookin' Real Good!!!



PERFORMING ON THE STORROWTON VILLAGE GREEN during Agawam Day festivities at THE BIG E are Agawam High Marching Mohawks members Jennifer McGuire (left, twirling flag), while rifle captain Andrea LeBlanc performs "Georgia On My Mind." RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.




IN PHOTO ABOVE, Agawam High Marching Mohawks drum majors Sarah Shepard (background) and Jason Reed lead the band in performance at Storrowton Village Green during Agawam Day festivities at THE BIG E. IN PHOTO LEFT, the band's mascots hold the banner while the honor guard members look on. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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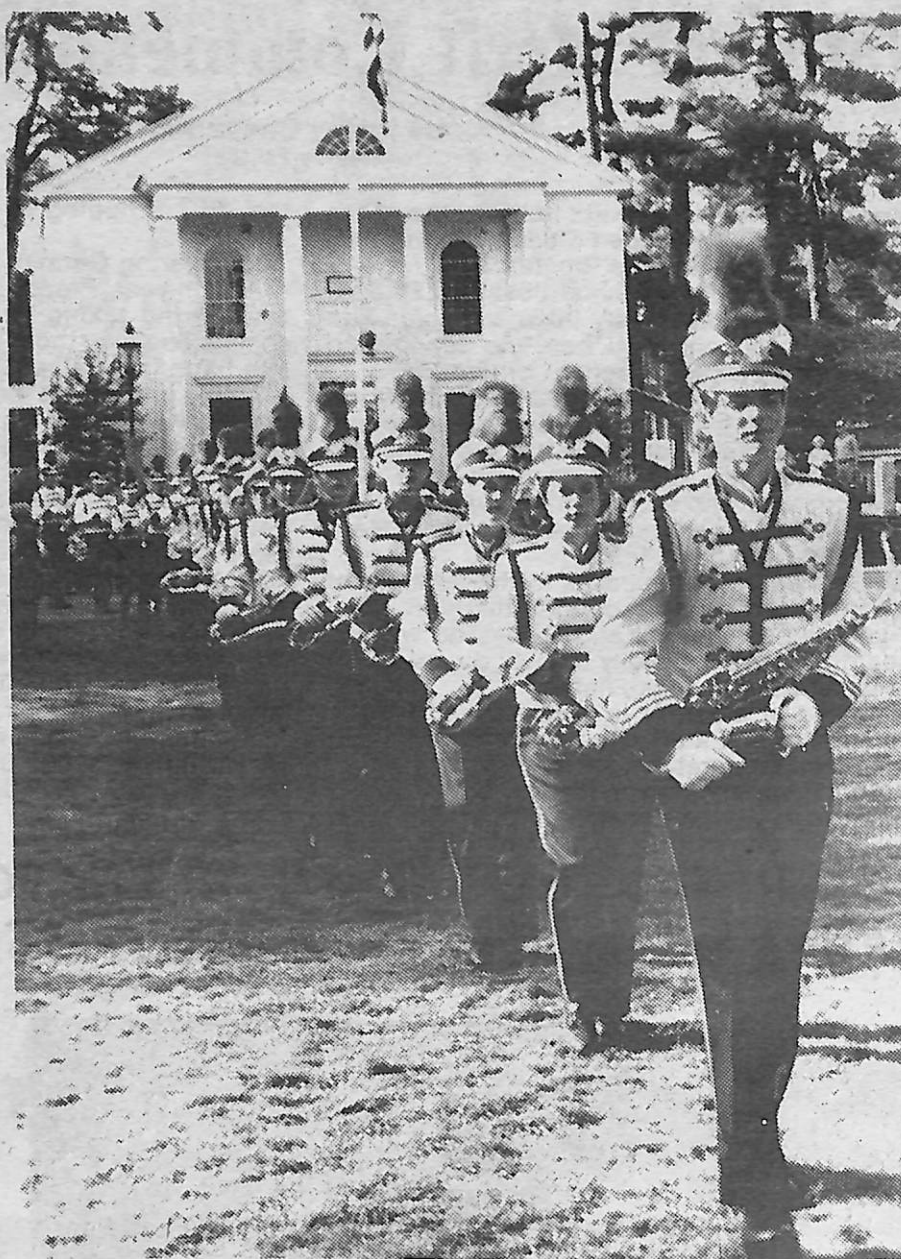
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# AHS Senior Kelly Carmody Named National Merit Commended Student

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Agawam High School senior **Kelly Carmody** has been named a "Commended Student" in the 1996 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Last week, Acting Principal Joseph Zabielski presented the scholastically talented senior with a Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Nationwide, about 35,000 Commended Students are being honored for their "exceptional academic promise" demonstrated by placing within the top five percent of more than one-million students who entered the program by taking the 1994 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Kelly attributed her success to the strength of her score on the verbal section of the test.

"I take tests very well and always do well on standardized testing," Kelly said. "I do read a lot and that helps with vocabulary."

Interested in a career in engineering, Kelly is planning to attend a university with more diverse offerings than a purely technical school.

"I'm thinking about engineering, but I haven't really decided yet," Kelly said. "I like languages,

too, so I'm hoping to combine engineering with language."

### Considering German And Japanese In College

A fifth-year French student, Kelly said she's considering taking up German and Japanese in college because those languages are important in international business and industry.

As the junior with the highest math and science grades, Kelly won the Rensselaer Medal, which carries a scholarship of \$5,000 a year for students accepted into the school.

The winner of the UMASS Chancellor's Award, Kelly will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for four years if she chooses to attend UMASS. She recently picked up a \$1,000 scholarship at a math competition at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Kelly is the director of the Office of Student Affairs, a member of the varsity tennis team, the "As Schools Match Wits" TV team, and the associate editor of the yearbook.

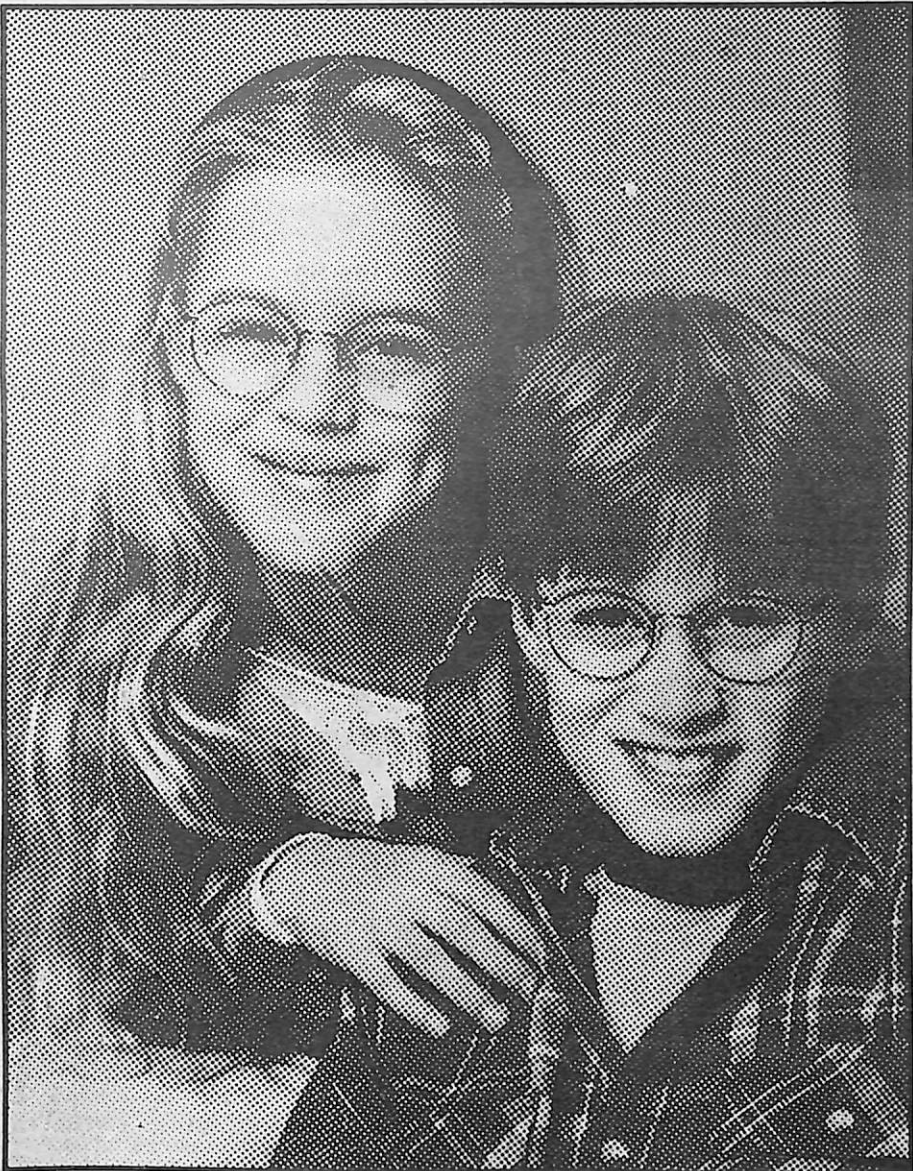
Besides holding down a part-time job at Chez Josef, Kelly is a member of Interact, the National Honor Society, AFS Club, and Operation Friendship.



**AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR KELLY CARMODY** accepts the "Commended Student" letter from Acting Principal Joseph Zabielski.

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## Harlem Wizards To Again Appear At Agawam High School On November 13th

On Monday, November 13th, the Harlem Wizards will be performing their astounding basketball "wizardry" at Agawam High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, November 9th, tickets will be sold at AHS from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and again from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, and \$6 for adults. Tickets sold at the door on the night of the show will be \$7 each.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping out with this worthwhile event, please call Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982 (evenings) or at 786-5640 (days).

Among the highly talented players on the Harlem Wizards is Sean Tartt, who's known as the "Elevator Man." Though he stands at ONLY 6'0", he is one of the most electrifying dunkers in the world. "Elevator's" dazzling and creative dunks bring a passionate response from Wizard fans in his travels.

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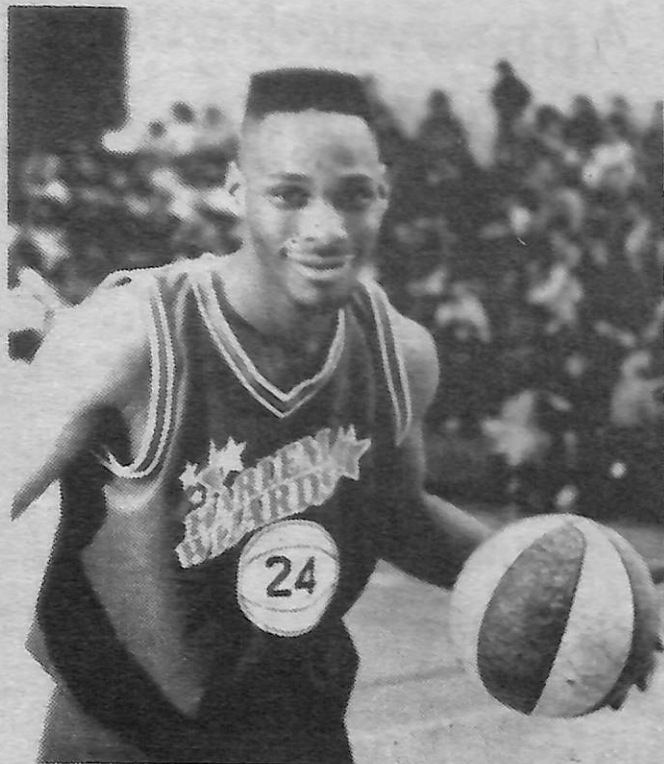
place at Madison Square Garden, and at the Toronto Skydome. In front of At the Garden, Elevator won the attention and applause from the crowd of 19,564 and won the slam dunk contest. In Toronto, Elevator won the Cinni\*Burst slam dunk championship for Streetball '94.

The "L" man also displayed his dream dunks on a Nintendo commercial and has also won the NY Hoop It Up Slam Dunk Competition on WOR Channel 9, and Sports Channel, NY, for the last two years.

Sean performs a 360° dunk on the basketball court and performed a 360° in his life.

When Sean was given a tryout on the recommendation of his good friend and five-year Wizard, Howard "Boogie Woogie" Bond, the odds were not great on him sticking with the team.

He had played two years of high school basketball, but had dropped out of high school because of personal problems. When he joined the Wizards three years ago at the age of 23, he relished the opportunity and took advantage of it.



SEAN "THE ELEVATOR MAN" TARTT of the Harlem Wizards is coming to town on November 13th.

## Area Boy Scouts Plan 4th Annual Auction In Agawam On Nov. 10

Following the success of previous "Goods and Services" Auctions, the Pioneer Valley Council Boy Scouts of America will hold its fourth Annual Auction on Friday, November 10th, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The event is open to the public. Admission to the auction, social hour, and dinner is \$25.

Items donated for the auction include holiday gifts, great get-away trips, original art, collectibles, event tickets, fine jewelry, and many more items and services too numerous to mention. All to be auctioned off by celebrity Auctioneer Roy Scott.

The Pioneer Valley Council currently serves over 7,000 youth in the area and involves 2,000 adult volunteers. "The auction is an excellent way for businesses and individuals to support the local scouting movement. One of the programs funded by the auction is Youth Campership, which provides camp experience for young men who may not be able to personally afford it," said Dave Lusteg, Merrill Lynch executive and auction chairperson.

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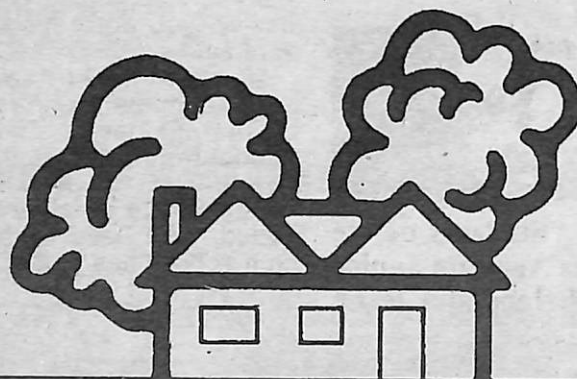
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# Top Phys. Ed. Students School Committee Approves Funds For Needed Cafeteria Furniture

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Despite concerns that the School Department could again be facing a freeze on spending in the spring, the School Committee voted 5-1 in favor of spending \$9,000 to purchase furniture for the High School and for Clark Elementary School at the Tuesday, October 24th meeting.

Committee member Susan Pettazzoni cast the sole vote against accepting the recommendation of School Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder. Roberta Doering was absent.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest said 30 desks and six cafeteria tables were needed at the High School because there were not enough seats for students to eat lunch in the cafeteria, and because the lack of desks left some students sitting on the floors and radiators in some classrooms.

Charest said the cafeteria tables ordered for Clark School were included in that school's budget to complete the process of replacing all the tables in the school's lunchroom.

Mrs. Pettazzoni said it was common sense for the old cafeteria tables from Clark to be used at the High School. "You make due with what you have if you don't have the money," Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

Member Teresa Kozloski criticized the central office administration for "very poor" projections on the number of students attending the High School that led to students being without seats. "...A Safety Issue..."

Calling it a safety issue, Member Scott Macey added, "We have to make sure everyone at the high school has a seat."

Member Linda Galarneau pointed out that most of the Clark cafeteria tables had been purchased through fundraising at the school.

"If it's a preference (replacing the tables) and not a need, maybe that should continue through fundraising," Mrs. Galarneau said.

Member Louise David agreed that the furniture was needed, but said everyone should be aware that "money is going to be tight."

"Please do not come crying to us in January or March that there's a freeze on again," Mrs. David said.

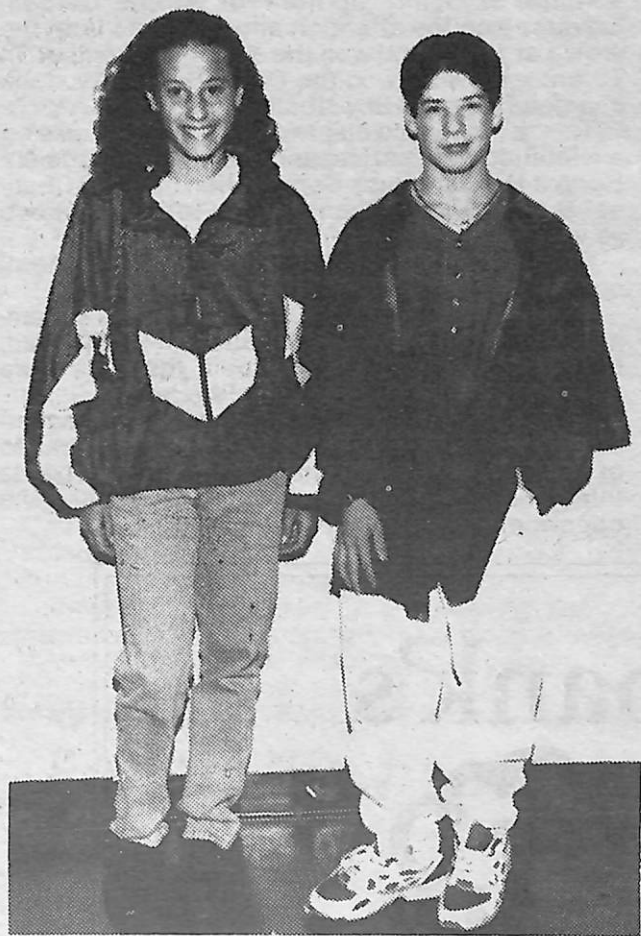
Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder said he was comfortable in recommending the expenditure, even though unanticipated costs in the Special Education department will wipe out the \$4,000 that's left of the \$100,000 "cushion" included in this year's spending plan.

Ryder said there are two Special Education plans that are going to cost the school district additional money. Although cost estimates were not complete, Ryder said it is likely that one of the plans will cost about \$18,000.

At the next meeting of the School Committee (November 14th), Ryder plans to submit a report on the cost of Special Education.

Ryder said he will place a resolution on the agenda calling for the state legislature to enact legislation to help school districts control unanticipated costs in Special Education.

Ryder said the cost overruns in Special Education could be offset by savings in the salary account (if veteran teachers retire and are replaced by new teachers making less money).



PHYSICAL EDUCATION "Students of the Month" for September at the Agawam Junior High School are Dianna DiStefano and Jason Malanson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## AHS Students Learn About Banking From Woronoco Savings

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Agawam High School family and consumer science teacher Elizabeth Prew knows that for most American teens, owning their own car is not only a dream come true, it's the most important thing in their lives.

Mrs. Prew recently took her Personal and Consumer Education class to a local bank for a look at some of the financial facts behind the allure of the independence of the open road.

On a tour of the newly-opened Feeding Hills branch of Woronoco Savings Bank, the students learned the basics of planning for car ownership beyond the cost of gas, insurance, and repairs.

Branch Manager Darilyn Nardi, a Feeding Hills resident, told the students it would take about half of the net income from a 20-hour-a-week, minimum-wage, part-time job to qualify for a car loan of \$4,000.

In the loan scenario prepared by Mrs. Nardi, a person could qualify for a \$4,000 car loan if they had no other monthly obligations, like credit card payments or living expenses.

A gross income of \$85 per week (typical of what teens earning minimum wage receive for part-time work) leaves a gross weekly income of \$63.75. Setting aside \$33.45 for the car payment would leave \$30.30 for other expenses, including gas, insurance, and entertainment, Mrs. Nardi said.

As she "walked" the students through the process of applying for a car loan, Mrs. Nardi stressed the importance of making loan and credit card payments on time to avoid having problems on an individual's credit rating.

Mrs. Nardi explained how the bank uses information gathered from credit bureaus to assess the risk in making a loan to a customer.

"The bank pulls credit reports regarding prior loans and credit card payments to see if you'd be a good risk," Mrs. Nardi said. "And we verify employment information."

### The Importance Of Making Payments On Time

"Once you enter into a contract, it's very important that you make your payments on time. If you don't, the bank will report that to the credit bureau and will have that information as a factor in your ability to get future credit for mortgages or student loans," Mrs. Nardi said.

In the classroom, Mrs. Prew detailed the importance of maintaining a good credit rating.

"So many kids misuse credit, and then it takes them years to clean up their credit rating," Mrs. Prew said.

In addition to getting information on what they need to do to set and achieve a financial goal, the field trip gave the students a chance to learn banking etiquette in a small and friendly branch bank (in a way that will help them avoid feeling overwhelmed when they begin to transact business for themselves, Mrs. Prew said).

"They don't normally come in to a bank and may feel intimidated," Mrs. Prew said. "The students may go to a bank with their parents, but they don't usually go in and transact business."

Pointing out that their ability to get credit from a bank hinges on the history of their financial dealings, Mrs. Nardi told the students to beware of credit card offers that look attractive.

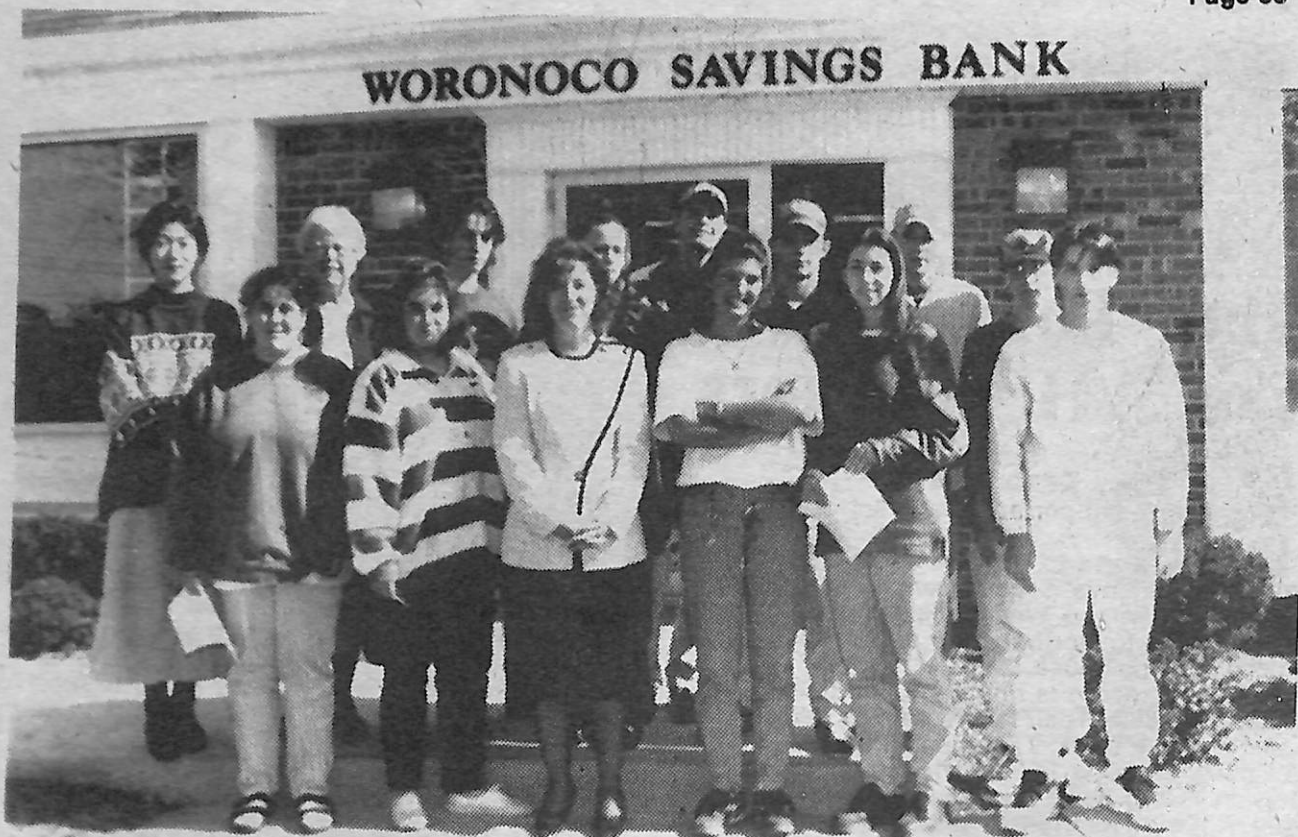
The bank will look at a customer's credit card debt to determine if they can support a loan, Mrs. Nardi said.

## Christopher Taylor Grad Of Green Mt.

Christopher Taylor recently graduated from Green Mountain College with a bachelor of science degree. He is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and the son of John and Elizabeth Taylor of Agawam.

In his opening address to the GMC class of 1995, college president Thomas L. Benson told 97 graduates that their diplomas were a "kind of contract" that charged them with protecting the fundamentals of education while looking for new ways to ensure a better future. "You've passed the test. This diploma means you're smart, you have a sense of justice. Now prove it," Benson said.

Bill McKibben, author of "The End of Nature," an acclaimed book published in 1989 that explores environmental concerns, was the college's keynote speaker. He encouraged the graduates to use their education and affection for the natural world to help preserve the fragile planet they live on. "We must learn to live on less and more locally in terms of natural resources," McKibben said. "We must also break the spell of TV and the consumer culture."



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL students of Elizabeth Prew paid a visit to Woronoco Savings Bank in Feeding Hills Center to learn some banking lessons from branch manager Darilyn Nardi (center). Mrs. Prew is pictured in the back row (second from left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Sports

### Lowly 'Hamp Stall Tourney Bid For AHS Booters

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It's getting down to white knuckle time for the Agawam High boys' soccer team. They need two points to make the Western Mass tournament. Their 1-0 loss to Northampton on Tuesday night did not help the cause.

Agawam's record is now 7-7-2 and 5-6-2 in the Moriarty Division. Their two remaining games will make or break them. They host Chicopee Comp on Friday. Comp is 11-3 and 10-3 in the Moriarty Division. They beat Westfield 8-0 on Tuesday night. Agawam lost to the Colts, 2-1 earlier in the year.

Back on September 25th, they beat 'Hamp at Harmon Smith Field, 3-1. More than once, Brownie Coach Dwight Northrup has pointed out that it is difficult in soccer to beat any team two times in a row. Even though the Blue Devils came into the game without a win this year, they made the coach look like a prophet.

The first half was a study in good work by the keepers. Agawam's Brian O'Quinn (six saves total) and 'Hamp's Bill Metzger (14 stops) were on the beam.

O'Quinn had some early help from Mike Forastiere, Chris Bitzas, and Eric Johnson. Metzger had help all game long from a defense that hasn't been up to snuff all year long.

The game's lone goal came with three minutes to go. Junior forward Pichu Etinde punched one by O'Quinn from 30 feet out.

The Brownies' final game of the year will be at Westfield on Monday, October 30th. The Bombers are the division doormat, with only two wins and a bagel in division play. The Brownies beat them 3-0 on October 16th.

But the way this roller coaster season has been going for Agawam, who knows what might happen?

### Holyoke No Problem For Brownie Boys On Soccer Field (7-0)

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

"I know the feeling. More than once we've taken the bus ride home on the short end of a big score."

Those words were uttered by Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup after the Brownies' lopsided 7-0 win last Friday over Holyoke at Harmon Smith Field.

It is still weeks from Thanksgiving. But this one was a genuine turkey shoot, with the Purple Knights playing the role of the turkeys. Maybe it had to do with the fact that Agawam, coming into the game with a 6-6-2 (5-5-2 Moriarty Division) record, was on a roll (4-1-1 in their last six games) and driving hard for a tournament berth. Or perhaps the Purple Knights at 2-8-2 (1-9-2 in the Churchill Division) were just trying to run out the string. Total shots on goal were 19-4, AHS. The Brownies improved their record to 7-6-2 and 5-5-2. At that time, they were only two points from a spot in the playoffs.

#### Brownies Hardly Break A Sweat

Whatever the reason, Agawam, because they were executing their plays to perfection and finishing them off quickly and decisively, hardly broke a sweat in this one. The first Brownie score happened with barely a minute-and-a-half gone in the game.

Chris Chechile, passing on the run, hit Oliver Schoendube five feet in front of the Holyoke net. Oliver nudged the ball in for the first Agawam goal. It was his seventh of the season and Chechile's sixth assist this year.

Holyoke never had much hope. Agawam was shooting at will from everywhere. The only reason they didn't have more than 11 chances on net in the first half was because the Purple Knight defenders took the brunt of the shots before they could reach their keeper, Dan Lawson. And even when the shots didn't pay off, the moves the Agawam offense made to set them up were pretty to watch.

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## Longmeadow Knocks Out Girls' Soccer From Tourney

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

They fought the good fight. They had to deal with adversity. They never gave up. That's the way you could describe this year's edition of the Agawam High girls' soccer team.

At the end, they were up against it. They had to win two and tie one of their final three games of the season to make the Western Mass tournament. It was a tall order. And they failed to fill it last Monday night, when they fell to tournament-bound Longmeadow, 4-1.

Coach Mary Murray has many years of experience as a soccer coach. She is also a student of the game and not one to pull punches. "We just lost to better teams down the stretch," she admitted.

And she's right. Their last three opponents—West Springfield, Cathedral, and Longmeadow—are the class of the Coombs Division. The road to the playoffs went right through them.

Longmeadow wasn't going to be denied in this one, even though Agawam came out and played emotional soccer, something they knew they'd have to do if they had any chance for a win.

But emotion can carry a club just so far. The Lancers put the pressure on from the get-go. They missed a sure goal with eight minutes gone in the game. Jenna Szyluk rushed the Brownie net. Kelly Grover, filling in at keeper for the injured Melissa Troie, came way out to cut down the angle. Grover went down to her knees. Szyluk went around her and took the shot from 40 feet out. The ball had a hook to it, however, and ended up hitting the left post of the empty net.

At the 28:50 mark, both teams were taking turns on offense. But the Lancers were getting the better of it. Patti Hamp walked one in right in front of Grover. It looked like another sure goal opportunity. Sue DeFilipi, on a nice defensive play, put the body on her. That was enough to send Hamp's kick wide left.

#### Longmeadow's Efforts Pay Off

Longmeadow, still applying pressure in the Brownie zone, saw its efforts pay off at the 22:20 mark. Kati Heaps got behind the Agawam offense, took the feed from Jocelyn Isenburg, and put it into the left corner of the Brownie goal from 40 feet out on the left flank.

A minute later, Longmeadow added another score that shocked the Brownies. Szyluk launched one from 30 feet out on the left side. This time her shot was right on. Grover raised her hands and initially made the save. The ball, however, had a lot of English on it and spun over Grover's hands and into the goal. Suddenly it was 2-0, Lancers.

The only real chance Agawam had in the first half came with 11 minutes left. Courtney Hyland tracked down a lead pass on the right wing. The Longmeadow keeper, realizing that Hyland had beaten the defense and was about to beat her, came 40 feet out of the net and, in desperation, grabbed the ball.

The half ended 2-0, Longmeadow. They had six shots on goal. Agawam had four.

The Brownies came out hustling in the second half. Kristen Patterson and Jill DeMarco led the charge. Longmeadow knew exactly how to bust the Brownie balloon, though. Heaps did it with a boot from the far right corner.

The ball hooked around Grover and landed in the far left corner of the Agawam goal. It was Heaps' second score of the game. And it probably shouldn't have gone in. It was just that kind of night for the Brownies.

Patterson, always on the prowl for a goal, set one up at the 31:52 mark. She was on the run, working the ball down the left wing. She tried to pull the trigger on a crossing pass, but defender Caitlin Wagner broke up Patterson's stride.

The Brownies' sophomore superstar didn't become the leading scorer in the tough Coombs Division and one of the top girl soccer players in Western Massachusetts by mailing in her statistics. Pure hustle and grit got her there. Those same qualities got the lone Agawam score in this one.

After her fine defensive effort, Wagner pulled off the play. That was a mistake. Patterson, as she always does, stayed on the ball, came around on the left wing, and spotted Hyland in front of the net. She passed the ball over. Hyland drove it home for her seventh goal of the season at the 36:52 mark. Kristen got her ninth assist.

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**NO PROBLEM - from Page 54...**

To their credit, the Brownie defense, once again led by Chris Bitzas and ball-hawking Jeff Rousseau, stifled the heck out of Holyoke. They were so dominating that the Knights only got their first shot on the Brownie goal after 18:30 of frustration.

At the 20:05 mark, the Brownies hit the back of the net for the second time. Senior Marcos Damus scored his third goal of the season on a crossing pass from Todd Jorgenson. (His first assist of the year.)

Exactly three minutes later, the Brownies were on the board again, courtesy of a Jorgenson 10-foot shot that popped over the Holyoke keeper's head like Todd's toe was a sand wedge. His third tally of the season was made possible by Chechile's fifth assist.

**By-The-Book Soccer**

It is worth noting that the first three Agawam scores came from not more than 20 feet in front of the opposition's net. That simply meant that they were working the ball into place where they had the best opportunity to ring one up - just like they teach it in the books.

There was 3:30 to go in the first half when Brownie junior midfielder Steve Rovithis got the fourth Agawam goal (his fifth) from 30 feet on the left side. It came on a feed from Tim Conklin (his third assist). The half ended, 4-0 Brownies. They had 11 shots on goal. Holyoke could manage only three on Jeff Gaylor.

Five-and-a-half minutes into the second half, Agawam got a goal on a corner kick. Mike Domingue drove it home for his second score of the season. Jaime Scherban collected his third assist - all of them coming in the last five minutes.

Holyoke was still struggling. The best example of just how overmatched they were: from the opening horn of the second half, until the 24:40 mark, they were bottled up in their own zone, playing desperate defense.

With 12:52 left in the game, Schoendube recorded his second goal and eighth of the campaign off a nice lead pass from Conklin (his second assist of the game and fourth of the year). On this one, the Purple Knight keeper came out of his net. Oliver faked him to his knees and glided around him, closed to 10 feet, and drilled it into the right corner.

The final Brownie score was a clinic on passing the ball to the open man. Tim Conklin was dribbling the ball down the right wing. He used some fancy footwork to get by his man. He saw Rovithis sprinting 10 yards in front of him and laid a pinpoint pass. Rovithis, cutting left and scanning the area around the goal mouth, saw Jorgenson camped out there. He passed it quickly into him, and Jorgenson drilled it home for the final score of the game (his second) and fourth of the season. Rovithis picked up his third assist of the year.

Schoendube commented on why the Brownies seemed to score at will. "They were leaving their defense wide open on a lot of our goals, so that made it pretty easy for us."

**Best local sports!!!**



**BROWNIE VARSITY BOYS' soccer dads watch their sons drub Holyoke last Friday. Pictured are Bob Rousseau, Jim Baldyga, Al Domingue, and Pete Chechile. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.**

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## *Where Are They Now????.....* **The Day Phil Vec. & Rudy Altobelli Pulled A Fast One On Coach Ted Plumb**

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Here's an amusing little story that happened to a resident of Feeding Hills some years ago.

Phil Vecchiarelli, the father of current Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, was a senior center and co-captain at the old Springfield Trade School (now Putnam Vocational) back in 1946. Phil's dream was always to run with the football. But, of course, because he was a lineman, that dream was pretty remote.

There was another player on that team - a pretty fair sophomore fullback named Rudy Altobelli. (Most folks in Agawam are familiar with him.) "Rudy wasn't that big," Phil noted. "But he was really tough. He was also a pretty fair hockey player."

"We'd always have a practice on Friday afternoon, because we played all of our games on Saturday," Phil went on. "Rudy came up to me. I could see he was hurting. 'Just between the two of us,' Rudy said to me. 'I've got bruised ribs. I don't think I can run with the ball today.'"

"I wasn't sure what he was getting at until he asked me to switch with him and field the kickoff while he took my position at center," Phil said.

"At that time, I didn't know that secretly, Rudy had always wanted to play my position. But I did know what Rudy was thinking then. Kickoffs can be dangerous. A runner could make any injury he

had worse in those types of situations."

### **One Heck Of A Coach**

Phil continued, "You see, our coach at the time was Ted Plumb. He's dead now, but he was one heck of a football coach. He knew everything about the game that one person could know. Even though I'd hinted around that I wanted to run with the ball, he kept me at center, because he wanted me to be the anchor on a very 'green' offensive line." Phil laughed.

"Rudy knew that if Ted ever found out that he had those bum ribs, he'd keep Rudy out of the next day's game. As I said, Rudy was tough. Not playing was something he had a hard time dealing with."

Phil continued to remember that long ago day. "I said, okay, hoping I didn't reveal how happy I was at this turn of events. Only Rudy and I knew the situation. I was praying Ted wouldn't see what was about to happen, because he watched everything that went on in practice like a hawk."

Phil relates that both he and Rudy got lucky. "Coach Plumb took his attention from the field for a couple minutes because he was over attending to an injured player on the sideline. That was all the time we needed." Phil smiled, "I did get the kickoff at my own 15 yard line. And I took full advantage of the opportunity. I ran for everything I was worth."

"A few minutes later, I was standing in the end zone. I'd just made an 85 yard kickoff return. Coach Plumb never knew he had a kickoff return specialist on his team. Of course, the next day, I was back at center. Rudy, who still had to be hurting, started at fullback. We played West Springfield to a 7-7 tie."

Phil noted, "Rudy went on to AIC on an athletic scholarship. I went on to play semi-pro football. Coach Plumb retired in 1970 after many years in the profession," Phil noted.

Then Phil added, "Rudy and I meet from time-to-time at social and athletic events around town. We never fail to relive that day. It was special."

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**If you are a resident of Agawam or a current or former Agawam athlete or member of the Agawam Athletic Department and you have an amusing sports story in your life to relate, send it to us. We'll edit it for you and put it in the paper. Send your story to: Dave Rollins, Sports Editor, c/o Agawam Advertiser News, 14 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0263**

## **Undefeated Ag. Warriors Defeat Wilbraham's Falcons, 22-8**

Preparation—an easy word sometimes taken for granted, yet it is the way to win football games.

The Warriors' coaching staff knew Wilbraham taped the previous game. They knew Wilbraham would key on stopping the Warrior sweep. The problem was in the first game, Wilbraham only saw a part of the potent Warrior offense.

The game plan was simple: employ a balanced, offensive attack that mixed passes and counters to keep Wilbraham guessing. On defense, stunt linebackers Russ Smith, Kevin Grealis, and Eric Pederson so they could create havoc in the Falcon backfield. The game plan worked. Agawam piled up over 300 yards on offense and held the Falcons to one score. The final was Warriors 22, Falcons 8.

The Warrior offensive line—Pederson, Jerry Graves, Mike Grant, Kevin Rivers, Shawn Gloster, and Isidro Aguinaga—controlled the line of scrimmage and provided QB Mike Martin with plenty of time to throw. Martin (9-15, one TD) completed passes to Shawn Biebel, Jason Daigneau, Vin Buoniconti, and Scott Harlin. The passing attack opened up the ground game, and Daigneau, Buoniconti, Biebel, Smith, and Alex Almquist piled up yardage rushing.

Agawam took the opening kick-off and put together a 12-play, 65-yard drive. Passes to Daigneau and Biebel and runs by Biebel and Almquist gave the Warriors a first down on the Falcon

1. Martin followed Graves into the end zone and hit Buoniconti for the conversion. The Falcons were forced to punt on their first possession, and the Warriors had the ball at midfield.

The Warriors put together a 10-play drive with passes and runs that kept the visitors totally off guard. Martin again followed Graves into the end zone on the sneak, and it was Warriors 14-0. Wilbraham scored their lone TD late in the half.

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In the second half, the Falcons put together their best drive, going from their own 12 to the Agawam 15. They were stopped when Pederson recovered a fumble.

The Warrior offense went back to work and drove to the Falcon 40. Faced with a fourth and three, Martin faked into the middle, rolled around left end, and found a wide-open Harlin at the Falcon 25. Harlin ran untouched into the end zone. Biebel swept right end for the conversion, making it Warriors 22-8.

That broke Wilbraham's back. Two more times, the Falcons tried to score. Twice they were stopped, once on downs and once on a Buoniconti interception.

The win clinched a tie for the division championship. The final game is Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Phelps Field against archrival West Springfield. Come out and cheer the Warriors in what hopes to be an undefeated season.

### **AHS KNOCKED OUT - from Page 54...**

The play demonstrated why Murray calls Patterson a "unique talent." She simply combines outstanding athletic ability with an attitude and mind set that refuses to quit.

#### **The End Of The Brownies' Scoring**

That would be the end of the Brownie scoring for the evening. Longmeadow would add to its 3-1 lead at the halfway mark of the second half. It was a breakaway. Szyluk took a perfect lead pass from Bridgett Dullea. Grover had no choice but to leave her net and come out. She went down. Szyluk, who is a force in her own right (10 goals, nine assists), hit the trigger and put it right into the empty Agawam net.

Longmeadow passed well all evening long. Agawam had to work harder and harder while backing up. At the 11:27 mark, the Lancers (still using their first team) were on a serious rush. Grover went down. The goal was vacant. The shot was going to go in. But DeFilipi cut in behind her keeper and kicked the ball out of harm's way.

Murray, not a person used to losing, had nothing but praise for her team when it went into the record books. "This year has been a learning experience for us. I was tough on them. I'm very proud of them. There are no regrets here. The experience of the '95 season will serve us well next year. We will now play our hearts out for our seniors. I want them to leave our program with good memories of this team."

There were tears because there's no tournament in 1995 for AHS girls' soccer. That doesn't happen often. Emotion was just below the surface of many players, the coach included.

At this writing, Agawam went to 6-9-1 and 6-8-1 in the division.

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# AHS Football Can't Catch Fast Central High In 26-7 Setback

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

No matter what the sport, when you are losing and losing big, there is always a way to keep the downside going.

In football, that downside can come in many forms—turnovers, penalties, sour luck, being outclassed, or just simply a bad day. That's what happened to Agawam High last week in its loss to Westfield, a team that had no stars to speak of.

Their 26-7 loss last Friday night to Central High, the defending two-time Super Bowl Champs, had another factor thrown into the equation. Much like their loss to Holyoke and Cedric Washington, they ran into another star—Golden Eagle running back Keshawn Dodds. The Central tailback lugged the ball 40 times. He chalked up 284 yards, almost 100 yards more than the total Brownie offensive output of 185 yards. Dodds also recorded four touchdowns.

"We didn't tackle well," Brownie star running back Dom Pisano noted after the game, as he was rushing to catch the bus back home. Maybe, but a defense can't catch what they can't touch.

It didn't start out that way. Agawam won the toss and got the kickoff on its 26. Pisano (10 carries, 35 yards), as it should be, initiated off the offense by gaining one over left tackle. Quarterback Jeff Harlin (24 attempts, eight completions, 104 yards, one TD, two interceptions) passed to Pisano (one reception), and he was leveled for a two-yard loss on third and eight.

Central got the punt and started on its 30. They immediately went to their meal ticket—Dodds.

They gave him the ball five straight times. Mike Perry, B.J. Cortis, and Dan Lancour stepped up to meet him. They stopped him at the Central 41 on a Brian Menard tackle. Chris Day rung him up on the subsequent second and nine. That brought up a third down play. The pass was no good. Central punted to the Agawam 46.

Agawam tried passing (a nine-yard gain to Menard over the middle) and running plays from

Jeff Blews (10 carries, 40 yards) and Pisano, whose two-yard gain got a first and 10 at the Central 43. But Agawam was then forced to punt.

## Central Goes To Work...

Central went to work at its own 32 yard line. An 18-yard run by Dodds (with a saving tackle by Andrew Markowski) brought the ball into Agawam territory. Fullback James Auston got five on the next play. Central signal caller Joel Senez, on second and five at the Brownie 22, promptly fumbled. Agawam recovered.

Harlin, who hadn't been hitting on his passes, rung one up at the 6:29 mark of the first quarter. The Brownies got the ball to the Central 39 yard line. Phil McGeoghan (three catches, 63 yards, one TD) ran an up-and-out streak on the left side. He faked one of the best cornerbacks in Western Mass, Aaron Ragland, right out of his socks. The perfectly thrown ball nestled into Phil McGeoghan's arms and he went over for a 39-yard TD.

As they say, it doesn't get any better than this. That's what happened to the Brownies. It didn't get any better for them than that.

Central went to work. After shutting Agawam down for the rest of the first quarter, the home folks drew blood twice in the second 12 minutes.

After they sacked Harlin for a 10-yard loss at the nine-minute mark, they took over the ball at the Brownie 40 and marched to the goal line. Dodds, of course, did it all. He gained three, six, 26, lost two, then gained two. It ended up third goal at the five. Dodds ran it in on a pitch and a cutback on the right side. The score, after a missed extra point, stood at 7-6, Agawam.

The Brownies tried on their next possession. Blews got 10. Pisano picked up five. Harlin (five carries, six yards) ran twice but got nowhere.

Central took over on the punt at its 23 yard line. They drove 77 yards for their second score—a four-yard dash around left end by Dodds. With

1:46 left, Central led, 12-7. The half ended with that score.

## Little Relief For The Brownies

There was little relief for the Brownies in the second half. Despite some fine blocking by tackle Jason Degray, guard Rich Skowrya, and center Dan Pellegrino, their offense was spiraling down.

Harlin got intercepted for the second time in the game early in the third at the Agawam 40. The defense stopped Central. But they could do nothing after the Golden Eagles punted the ball back to them at their own 23.

The only bright spots in that offensive series came courtesy of Pisano. He gained a tough 12 yards. He got 11 more up the middle. But a penalty brought them back to the 27. It was now first and 25. Harlin attempted to pass. He got sacked at the 22 yard line. On the next play, he tried the same pass to McGeoghan that had produced a touchdown in the first half. It was no good.

The punt saw Central take over at the Agawam 31. The Brownie faithful knew their team was now under seige by Dodds. They were right. Thirty-one yards later, he went over for a six-yard score. Make it 19-7 in the fourth.

The last Golden Eagle tally came with 4:53 left in the game. Dodds started the drive at the Central 31. He gained five yards off tackle. He broke one for 63 yards to the Brownie 31. He banged one for 28 down to the Agawam three yard line. He took it over from that distance. The final again, 26-7, Central.

Agawam fell to 1-5, 0-3 in the AA Conference. Central, which can't catch division leader Holyoke (6-0, 4-0), stood at 4-2 (2-1 in the AA Conference).

Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, who had the birth of his first baby to contend with last week, took a moment out to comment, "We have to stop making mistakes. If we can do that, we'll be a force for the remainder of the season."

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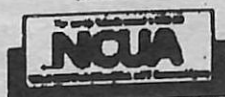
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## Golf Tournament Raises Big Bucks For AHS Athletic Dept.

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

What do you do when the town budget demands that \$34,000 be cut from your High School athletic budget? It's simple, really. You get creative and go out and raise as much money as you can by doing unique and fun things.

On Saturday, October 14th, at the Agawam Country Club, a golf fundraiser sponsored by Berkshire Power was held to ease the financial burden on the Athletic Department. In all, the folks raised \$7,775. That money will go towards equipment, supplies, and uniforms for all the teams at the High School, according to Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney.

The format was a four person scramble. One hundred forty-four people participated, including parents, coaches, kids, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, student athletes, administrators, and supporters of the athletic program.

Ms. McSweeney coordinated the whole thing. But she stressed that many people, including the booster clubs, coaches, parents, and of course, officials from Berkshire Power were mainly responsible for getting the event off the ground.

When asked to name specific individuals, she laughed. "No way. There were so many people instrumental in it that I'd no doubt forget someone. Everyone involved did a super job."

### Four High School Winners

There were four winners in the tournament and all were from Agawam High School: Chris Rousseau, Trevor Brown, Chris Coelho, and Bill Gensheimer.

The organizers sold 26 out of the tournament's 36-hole format. Sponsors ranged from local teams, the Mayor, coaches, and business people in the town. Each sponsorship went for \$50 apiece.

After the golf there was a cookout (during which they raffled off 53 items, ranging from a free round of golf, gift certificates, vegetable baskets, and 25 Mass. Cash tickets. "We made \$750 on the raffle alone," Ms. McSweeney smiled.

She pointed out that while the money raised was important, it was an event that helped bring the community together. And she stressed that such a thing is always welcome in the town.

The fundraisers aren't done, according to Ms. McSweeney. They'll have one the first week in December. They'll have students selling "Night On The Town" books. The books will cost \$10 each. She hopes each student involved, about 200 in all, can sell a minimum of five books, which will contain discount certificates for restaurants, movie theaters, and places like Games and Lanes.

While fundraising can be rewarding, Ms. McSweeney hopes it will only last one year and the Athletic Department will get most of its operating money back from the town for next season.

## Jr. Warriors Football Fall 22-0 To Tough Wilbraham Team

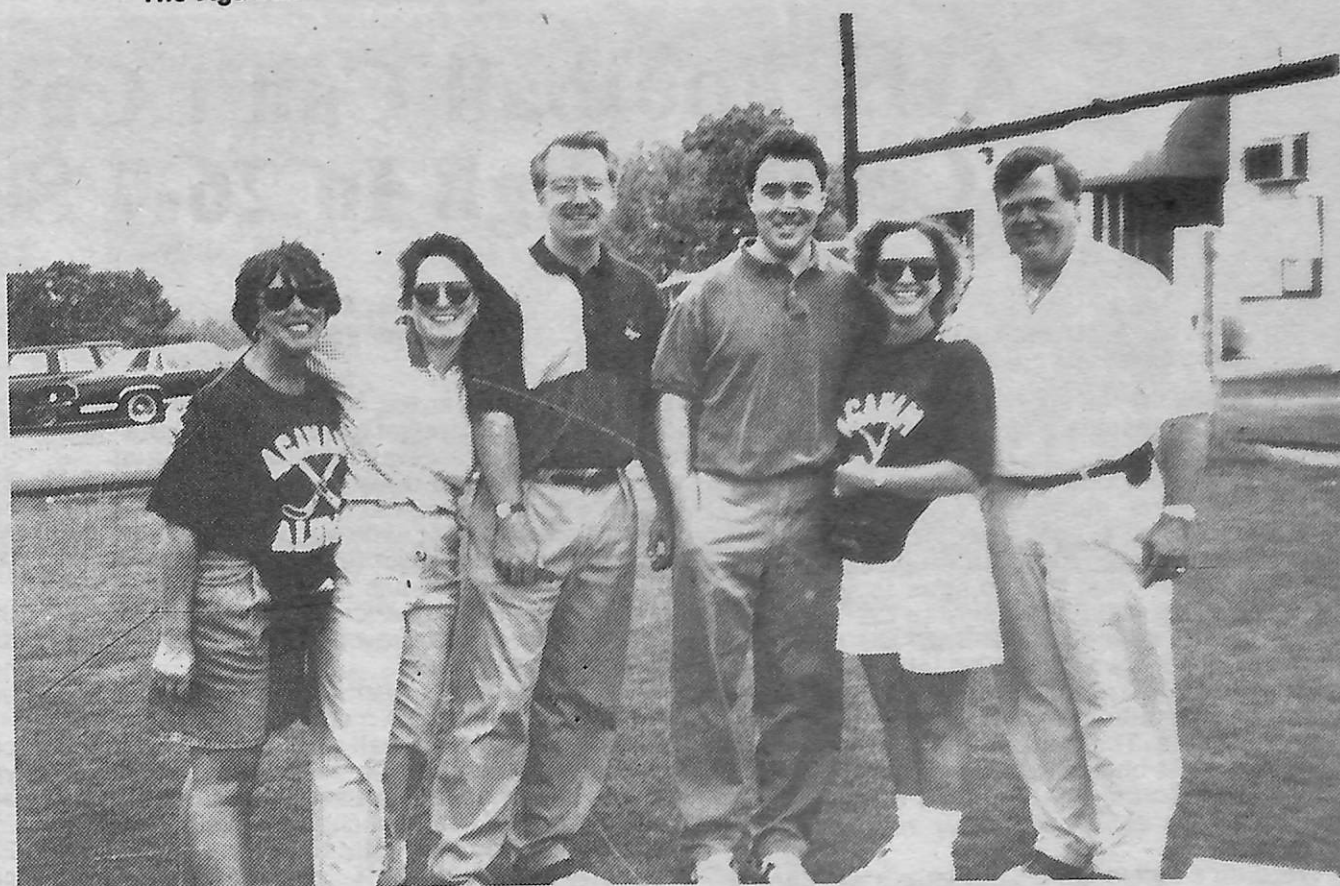
The Agawam Junior Warriors were host to the Wilbraham Falcons on Sunday, October 22nd at Phelps Field. The juniors fell to Wilbraham like the autumn foliage by a score of 22-0. The junior's league record now stands at three wins and four losses.

All of the scoring came in the first half when Wilbraham scored six in the first quarter and 16 in the second. Agawam defenders Brian Redersen, Tim Sullivan, Mark Ferretti, and Vinny Moretti all recovered Wilbraham fumbles but could not capitalize on the miscues. The Agawam squad generated a season low 54 yards of offense while Wilbraham turned 198 rushing and passing yards.

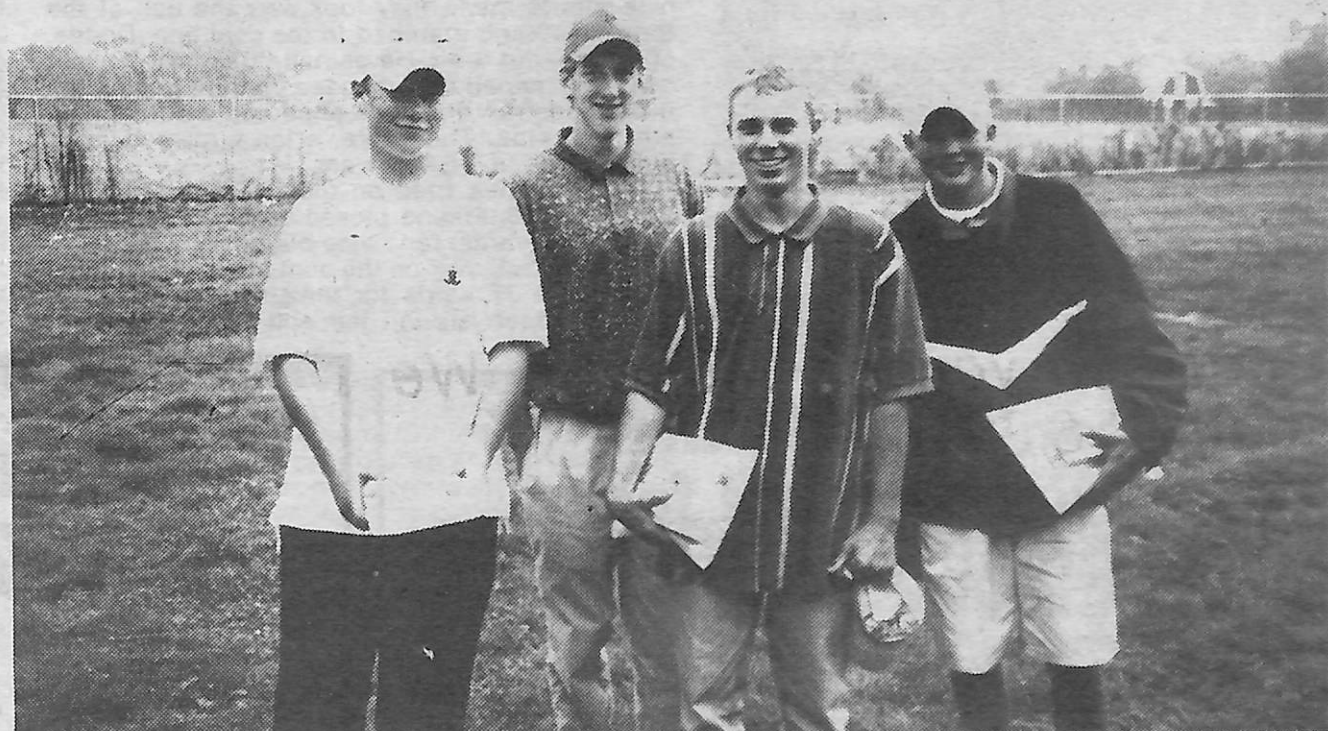
Ryan Lottermoser and Brian Michael were the leading rushers with 24 yards followed by Jason Clement, Joe Prova, John Slachetka, Tim Sullivan, Dan Richards, Dave Pashek, and Mike Locke.

Billy Menard led the defense with 12 tackles (in only three quarters), followed by Sean Burke, Tim Sullivan, Dave Pashek, Matt Shea, Ricky Cilimberg, Anthony Grimaldi, Joe Prova, Ryan Lottermoser, Mark Ferretti, Brian Pedersen, Anthony Carestia, Mike Piccin, and Andy Wynne.

Next Sunday, October 29th is the final game of the season. Game time at Phelps will be 12:00 noon. Please feel free to come out and support the youth football and cheerleading program.



IN PHOTO ABOVE, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (center-left), State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan (next to Mayor), Police Chief Robert Campbell (right), Kathy Sheehan-Molta (second from left) and friends had a ball at the October 14th golf tournament at Agawam Country Club sponsored by Berkshire Power.



THE GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS sponsored by Berkshire Power at the Agawam Country Club were Agawam High students Bill Gensheimer, Chris Coelho, Chris Rousseau, and Trevor Brown.



THE SAUSAGE, HAMBURGERS, AND HOT DOGS were the featured items during lunchtime at the golf tournament sponsored by Berkshire Power for the Agawam High Athletic Department on October 14th.

*Best local news...*



# Brownie Booters Stay On Course Vs. Hurricanes, 2-1

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team continued its march to the Western Mass. tournament last week by upending visiting Amherst, 2-1.

"This was a good game for us," Coach Dwight Northrup noted. "Both teams were equally matched in talent and season records."

Two things were obvious when he talked about this one. First of all, he was right on in his first observation. Secondly, he displayed the quiet confidence of a coach who starts to see all the things he tried to teach his kids pay off. ("It's better to play well now and keep going to a higher level, than play well early and go down late" - his words after their 3-0 win over Westfield two days earlier.)

Agawam and Amherst sported almost identical records going into this one. Agawam was 5-6-2 and 4-5-2 in the Moriarty Division. The Hurricanes were 6-5-2 and 3-6-2 in the Churchill Conference and also were driving for a playoff berth.

It started out a bit shaky for the Brownies. Amherst senior sweeper Tupten Tshering did indeed sweep in from the left wing and launch on keeper Brian O'Quinn. He got it from 30 feet out. That score came at the 39:15 mark. Translated, it meant a score with only 45 seconds gone.

Agawam's new soccer mind-set said the situation would not be tolerated. And it wasn't. At the 35:07 mark, a bit of international soccer cashed in for AHS. Marcos Damus, the hustling forward from Paraguay, who plays his wing like he found gold on it, saw fellow German exchange student Oliver Schoendube doing what he always does—dominate the space around the opponent's net.

## Pure Soccer

Marcos hit Oliver with a lofted pass. It never kissed the ground. Schoendube headed it right into the Hurricane net. (His sixth of the season and Damus' first assist.) It was a demonstration of

pure soccer. It dovetailed nicely with the in-your-face version their teammates play.

After that, Amherst tightened up its defense. They did not want a replay of that Agawam goal. That would be their downfall as Agawam began to probe the Amherst defense.

These rushes would be led by Chris Chechile, Jim Baldyga, and senior fullback Dave McCarthy, who is starting to come on exactly when the coach needs another aggressor.

At the 32:55 mark, Agawam had a chance. Chechile took the ball away from an Amherst attacker and took it downfield. He launched from 40 feet out on the left side. The shot wasn't strong and the save was made.

They played boring midfield soccer for a couple minutes. Then Jason Jean, Jeff Rousseau, and Baldyga tired of that. At 26:14, they got Jim right down in front of the Hurricane goal. He had the open lane, but couldn't pull the trigger.

The Brownies fell back. At the 22:30 mark, Amherst rushed the Agawam net. Forward Robbie Russell walked the ball in. He was 20 feet out and began his scoring sprint with a lane to the goal. It was toe-tag time for O'Quinn. He could never have stopped something that close. But his defenders did. Rousseau and Rich Rodriguez took him out and killed the drive.

The half ended at 1-1. Agawam had 8 shots on goal. Amherst had but 3.

The second half was a definitive lesson on the new Agawam boys' soccer team. You can give credit to many athletes. Mike Forastiere met up with the Amherst forwards and denied them their offensive sets. He got in the way, so they couldn't pull the trigger. Tim Conklin, who has a great ability to control the ball, faked his man silly, found a lane, and launched. Unfortunately, it went wide right at 32:40. If it's on, it's a goal.

Mike Domaingue, at 21:26, made a fake that dropped the Hurricane keeper who'd come out. He was 30 feet on the left in front of an open net. The Amherst defenders managed to get in front of the ball and deflect it.

## Midfield Battle

At 14:51, the game settled down to a midfield battle with the Brownies getting the best of it. Amherst's Dave Bhowmik rushed O'Quinn with 10 minutes left. No one picked him up. He just missed on the right side. It was an anxious Agawam moment.

Finally, at the 4:50 mark, Amherst was able to clear the ball. They were now playing defense, trying as hard as they could to preserve the 1-1 tie.

Chechile had other ideas, however. With 3:13 left, he managed a mini-breakaway. The Amherst defense, perhaps with a little more speed due to desperation, caught up with him and tackled the ball away when he was 20 feet out and about ready to pull the trigger.

Chechile is a gamer, though. With 2:04 left, he was at it again. This time he hit paydirt. The score came on a nice lead pass from Steve Rovithis. Chris took the ball on the right wing, glided right in front of the Hurricane net, and popped a soft shot over the keeper's head for his fifth goal of the season. (Five in the last four games Agawam had played to that point.) Rovithis recorded the assist, his second of the year.

Northrup would smile later. "That wasn't the way we had the play drawn up. Chris was freelancing on that one. But we'll take it."

Agawam had posted a 2-1 victory in the left hand column. It was their fifth win in their last seven games. Agawam came away with a 6-6-2, 4-5-2 record. At that time, they need four more points to make the Western Mass. tournament.

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## Brownie Football Has Strong Chance To Win Against Cathedral

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

This Friday night, the Agawam football Brownies will meet a team going through its own version of a nightmare season—Springfield Cathedral.

The Panthers, once a Western Mass power, are sporting an 0-5 (0-2 AA Conference) record. Up until their 21-20 loss to Chicopee Comp last Sunday, they'd scored only eight points in four games.

Brownie Assistant Coach Mike Birk is the team's head scout. He was at the game. Here's his read on Cathedral: "They run out of the 'I' and a pro set," he said. They feature two pretty good ball carriers—6'1", 220-pound senior fullback John Lacey, and 5'9", 160-pound senior tailback Nick David. His read on their quarterback, Brian Laing, "He has a strong arm. But he's not that accurate."

Birk, who's an offensive line coach, paid particular attention to the Panther blockers. "They are pretty straightforward. They trap occasionally. But most of the time they'll try and back the defense off the line of scrimmage." He noted one standout on the Cathedral line is 6'4", 230-pound tackle David Graham. "He's strong and can dominate," the coach noted.

"Graham also plays defensive tackle. Their defense is almost a carbon copy of Agawam's. They operate out of the 5-2 and occasionally move into a 4-3. They read and react. They are not an in-your-face group like Amherst or South Hadley." The coach also noted that the Panther defenders aren't that big. But neither are the Brownies.

"Both teams match up well in the size department. And we're about equal speed-wise," Birk said. He singled out defensive back Ryan McCollum (5'10", 145 pounds). "He's a good athlete and a big hitter."

### The Brownies' Plan Against The Panthers

Last week against Central, Agawam, for the bulk of the game, deep-sixed their "I" Bone and went with double-wide outs and a pro set. "We'll be doing the same thing against Cathedral," Birk noted. "We feel we can run on them. We also feel they are vulnerable to the pass. They played a straight cover three (two defensive backs and a safety) against Comp. (End) Phil McGeoghan and (tight end) Brian Menard should get some good opportunities to catch the ball."

He also noted that Agawam's defense will be the same as it has been all season—a routine 5-2.

This will be their fourth straight road game. "That doesn't bother us too much," the coach admitted. "What's been tough are all the mistakes we've made in our games. It really makes no difference where you play. It's the turnovers and penalties that kill you in the end."

Cathedral's bagel in the left-hand column doesn't hold much water, according to Coach Birk. "We've always played each other tough, no matter what the records might be. Both teams always seem to come up with a good deal of motivation for this game."

The coach has a point. A win could set the tone for the final three games of the season for the Brownies. A victory could very well do the same for the Panthers.

The game will be held at Springfield College. They have a turf field up there. Will that have an effect on Agawam, which has little experience on that surface? "We hope it won't. The main thing about an artificial surface is the fact that everything will be a little quicker. We would like to get in one practice on it, though. But I don't know if that will happen," Birk observed.

The injury list for the Brownies is a short one. Senior running back Dom Pisano, who's been nursing a sore shoulder, will be ready. Linebacker Andrew Ingham, who has a painful calf bruise, is probably. McGeoghan has a sore back that he has been playing with all season long. The doctor says it's more of a nuisance than anything else.

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## Cathedral Girls Close Ranks In 4-1 Soccer Victory Over Brownies

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Usually, a homecoming means good times, fond memories, and a renewal of old acquaintances. Don't tell that to Agawam High girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray. That's one red herring she will not buy this season.

The Brownies' trip to Cathedral last Thursday proved it. The memories she had built there in her 14 years at the Panther helm (three Western Mass. titles and a state championship in 1993) seemed far away in light of the 4-1 Cathedral win.

Agawam came into the game with a record of 6-7-1 and 6-6-1 in the Coombs Division, which puts them in the middle of the pack. Their 13 points at the time wouldn't make the nut. They need 18 to reach the playoffs with three games left.

The Panthers, even though they were already into the tournament with a record of 9-2-2, were not in a homecoming state of mind.

Cathedral notched its first goal with just over five minutes gone in the game. Gina Pantusco, who was part of Murray's program at the school last year, banged in a nice header off a crossing pass from Danielle Provost. The Panthers did it again a little more than a minute-and-a-half later. Tara Foley, the team's leading scorer with nine, bagged her 10th of the year with a blast from the left flank. That made it 2-0 Panthers with seven minutes gone.

### Panther Defense Holds Back Locals

Agawam was trying. Kristen Patterson, Agawam's leading goal scorer (13) and at the time, the leading scorer in the Coombs Division with 21 points, was making an effort to get her team going. She continually tried to rush the Cathedral net. But the Panther defense converged on her most of the time and didn't allow her to pull the trigger.

That was a problem Cathedral didn't have. At the 26:40 mark, Foley got her second of the game. She let one go from 40 feet out on the left side. It wasn't a hard shot, but it beat keeper Kelly Grover (filling in for the injured Melissa Troie) low right. Grover would see seven Panther shots in the first half and 12 overall. The ones that weren't goals

were right on.

The score would have been worse if it weren't for some gut check saves by the junior.

As it was, the Panthers now led, 3-0. Cathedral was spending a lot of time in the Brownie zone as the period reached the halfway point.

With 10:42 left, Cathedral got its fourth marker. It came on a full rush at the Brownie net led by Provost, who cut in on the left flank and kicked it from 50 feet out into the far right corner of the net.

Cathedral, perhaps still remembering the lessons Murray had taught them, was passing crisply and working some nice plays off those passes. Their defense was also reacting well and dropping back quickly when Agawam mounted one of their all-too-infrequent drives.

Kristen Patterson saw her efforts pay off with 45 seconds left in the half. She scored her 14th goal of the season on a direct kick. The first 40 minutes would end with what would be the final score, 4-1.

Cathedral, satisfied it had the game in the bank, featured defense in the second half. They were content to boot the ball out of their zone when the Brownies managed to dump it in.

"This was, without a doubt, our toughest loss of the season," Murray noted. "I felt we could win it, or at least get the tie."

Murray isn't one to make excuses. But she has a decimated club. Troie is out. Talented sophomore midfielder Amy Mastroianni is sidelined with a bad ankle. Courtney Hyland's legs are hurting. And, of course, they miss All Western Mass. player Erica Schaffer, who transferred to Suffield Academy. The coach also noted that Cathedral is playing well at this point in the season.

She also admitted it felt a little weird to get off the bus and go to the visitor's bench. But that feeling passed quickly because they came there to win. "We've been losing close games this year. Rarely have we been out of one," she noted. "That's a positive thing."

## Field Hockey Chiefs



AGAWAM HIGH girls' varsity field hockey Coach Cindy Grieve with her 1995 captains - Erica Pratt and Becky Wing. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## New Volleyball League Displays Good Form For Parks Dept.

After a slow start in the first round of regular season action, this team of young players has moved solidly into third place. At press time, it appears this will be the ceede they'll assume in the upcoming first round of playoffs.

The Olympic Fasteners' team nature has been competitive from the first match, their passing has developed to equal their athleticism. This team plays well together, and is preparing for what looks to be a first-round playoff match against the second place E.Z. Riders.

The Olympic Fasteners' roster is a blend of previous teams representing their employer, as well as a few dedicated rookies. Seeing consistent action are Mario Zazzaro, Captain Tom Sullivan, Joe Pieciak, Joe Revling, Rocky Woods, Vinny Abbondanza, Scott Acosta, and Brian Smith.

## Agawam Park & Rec. Men's Volleyball (Standings As Of 10/23/95)

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Spartans	23-5	68
EZ Riders	20-8	55
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# AHS Frosh & JV Sports Roundup

by Christian DeBonville  
Advertiser News Correspondent

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Last Friday, the freshman Brownies saw their two-game winning streak snapped by a talented Central team, 32-8, at Phelps Field. Even the presence of AHS alumni Jason Votzak and Eric "Military Man" Binder couldn't stir the team to victory.

It seemed as though Agawam was a bit intimidated by the large Central team, which built a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter. But Agawam got it going soon thereafter and cut the lead to 14-6 when QB **Mike Buoniconti** rumbled into the end zone on a 35-yard sneak.

A 30-yard run by **Wayne Paradysz** set up the TD, and the conversion pass from Buoniconti to tight end **Marc Pedraza** cut the lead to 14-8, which was as close as the Brownies would get.

The Brownies kept playing tough in the first half, aided by an interception from **Peter Alsis**. The defense kept coming up with hard hits, courtesy of such players as **Eric Preston**, **Mike Wood**, **Ed Henry**, and Buoniconti.

The second half was a different story, as the Golden Eagles ran the ball down the Brownies' throats, allowing for the final 32-8 score. Despite the loss to Central, the Brownies are ready for their next game, which will be against Cathedral at home, on the 27th.

With a 3-2 record, Agawam looks at the last three games as winnable ones.

## JV FOOTBALL

The JV football team, like the varsity and freshmen, also suffered a tough loss to Central, losing a 28-14 decision on Monday.

Central stormed out of the gates and had a 21-0 halftime lead before Agawam got on the scoreboard, thanks to a 30-yard pass from **Eric Melbourne** to **Mike Wing**. Melbourne strolled into the end zone to cut it to 21-8.

A five-yard pass from Melbourne to **Norm Gagne** cut it to 21-14, but a Central touchdown soon after put it out of reach. Still, the comeback the Brownies put forth was a promising sign.

Mike Wing saw some time at QB and hit **Josh Maynard** with a nice pass. Agawam also recovered an onside kick on the day, and **Derek Carpenter** had a nice kickoff return.

**Jim Antico**, **Dan Walker**, **Donald Hanna**, and **George Graves** all came up with a bunch of tackles, and **Ian Lane** also played well. **Darin Clark** and **Vinny Curto** keyed the running game, which never really got off the ground due to the lead Central built.

The loss dropped the Brownies to 4-2, and they will meet Cathedral on the 30th. With the positive momentum of the comeback this week, the Brownies showed they are a team that doesn't give up.

## FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER

The frosh went undefeated again this week, which brought their record to an outstanding 12-3, the best of any AHS team. They have now won six straight games.

Coach O'Quinn's club started the week off with a 2-1 victory over the Amherst Hurricanes. **Pete Bitzas** scored a goal on a nice turnaround shot, with the assist coming from **Dave Gallerani**. Gallerani notched the other goal with the assist from **Brian Machos**' indirect kick. The defense played very well, with the efforts of **Mike DeFilipi** and **Chris Trevethan** pivotal to the win.

The Brownies kept it up with a solid 1-0 victory over the Purple Knights of Holyoke. The lone goal was scored by **Larry Hoague**, a hustling and sliding kick aimed at the far post. The assist came from **Dave Federico**. The Holyoke game was a real solid team effort, and **Jay Flood** had a great game for the defense.

Now 12-3, Coach O'Quinn's squad has two contests remaining, home games against Minnechaug and Westfield. With the way the team has been playing, it would be surprising if they didn't win both of them.

## FRESHMAN GIRLS' SOCCER

The freshman girls' soccer team went 1-1 this week to see their record go to a solid 4-5-1 (not bad for a rookie club).

Against Cathedral, the Brownies lost to a talented Panther team 3-0. The score was closer than it looks, as the Panthers scored on three fluke goals. The first one occurred when the ball glanced off the goalie's hands; the second was a tough deflection off a nice save; and the third never appeared to enter the goal.

In the game, goalie **Franca Bonavita** had another solid effort, and **Gwen Gonyea** and **Daniella Tirone** also played well for the defense.

**Jessica Montagna** and **Chris Campbell** shined on offense, although the Brownies didn't get to control the ball too often.

Although the Brownie girls may have lost to the Panthers, they showed that they can play tough with even the best of teams.



**AGAWAM HIGH FRESHMAN BOYS' soccer Coach Al O'Quinn and his 1995 captains.** From left - Rich Rodriques, Dave Thomas, Brian Machos, and Dave Gallerani. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MEMBERS OF THE 1995 Agawam High freshman girls' field hockey team.** Back row, from left - Coach Lisa Sands, Christy Roberts, Danielle DeForge, Gina Cellilli, Tina Richie, Kristen Chmielewski, Sara Nacewicz, Heather Hughes, Jamie Pavelczyk, and Coach Jen Goodfellow. Middle row - Lotta Laukkanen, Laura Guyer, Patty Zerra, Kelly Cortis, and Michelle Bitgood. Front row - Sarah Latif, Jill Fogg, Robin Przybyla, and Heather Jensen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Brownies were to meet Longmeadow and Ludlow in their final two contests of the season.

## JV GIRLS' SOCCER

The highlight of the JV girls' soccer week came in a hard-fought battle with the Longmeadow Lancers, which resulted in a 1-0 victory for the orange and brown.

The superb goaltending of **Jen Quigley** (first half) and **Shannon Beaudry** (second half) was the biggest reason behind the victory, as both of them stopped several tough Lancer shots.

Agawam's goal came on a series of headers by the Lancer net, and it looked like **Melissa Cote** was the Brownie credited with the goal, although it was tough to tell with all the Brownies fighting for the ball.

**Kristine Modzelesky** showed a lot of hustle for the Brownies and led the defense, along with **Tara Grealis** and **Linda Roy** (who both showed a lot of aggressiveness).

**Sara Drenzek** and **Kara Tierney** did a good job in keeping the ball away from the goaltenders, both of whom were outstanding.

The Brownies meet Ludlow on the 26th, the final game of what has been a fairly successful season. There are several players on this team who should fill in well for next year's varsity, so Agawam fans can look forward to seeing many of these players on the varsity field next year.

## JV FIELD HOCKEY

The JV field hockey team had a tough time of it this week, but they played well in their games.

**Maria Giordano**, **Jenn Zerra**, and **Julie Case** have all been showing a lot of promise for the team lately, and the players have gained a lot of confidence since the beginning of the season.

**Shauna Hadden** and **Missy Boissoneault** have stepped up in the past week, and **Jen Rendrick** has continued her fine goaltending throughout the season.

Coach Poulos' team met West Side at presstime, and they will wrap up their season

against Minnechaug at home on the 25th and against the powerful Southwick Rams on the 27th.

## FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

The freshmen were again very competitive in their contests this past week, but couldn't come away with a win.

**Jamie Pavelczyk**, **Laura Guyer**, and **Michelle Bitgood** have continued to play well for the offense, and **Heather Jensen** has made a lot of nice defensive plays recently.

**Kristen Chmielewski** has played well between the pipes and is getting better game by game, as are all the players.

In a freshman sport such as field hockey, it's not winning that's important, but developing skills. And the team has developed a lot of skills over the season.

They have passed well and are playing good defense. With one game left on the 27th at home against Westfield, the team is poised to bomb the Bombers.

## JV BOYS' SOCCER

The JV boys' soccer team picked it up a notch this week by winning all three games, thereby improving their record to 7-6-2.

"The JV soccer team has started to play 'en fuego' (on fire)," stated **Jay Malone** about the team's recent success. Goaltender Malone has been playing great, as the team has given up just one goal in the past four contests.

They beat Westfield 1-0 on a **Nick Dion** goal. Dion leads the team with seven goals. They then shut out Amherst 3-0 behind goals from Dion, **Dan Siano**, and **Dave Thomas**. They closed the week with a 2-1 victory over Holyoke, with the goals coming from Thomas and **Vincenzo Tirone**.

Coach Olson's team has three games left on his schedule against Northampton, Chicopee Comp, and Westfield. Hopefully they can keep playing well and finish successfully.



## Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—

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### The Adventure Of A New Bare-Bow Shooter

John Breton is a recently "converted" bare-bow shooter, which means he uses a recurve bow with no sights and fingers with a tab (instead of a mechanical release) for shooting an arrow at what he wants to hit.

John journeyed on opening day of the bow season in the southern section of New York with his wife, Tammy. Tammy shoots the bow and is good at it, but is not (in her mind) quite ready to hunt a whitetail with.

John and I discussed "still hunting" for deer before he left; still hunting is when the hunter takes five steps quietly, then stands still for a length of time looking, moving his head as slowly as possible, and hoping for a telltale ear movement or a white tail which will catch his eye.

With this form of hunting, you have to keep reminding yourself that you have all day to hunt, and not be too anxious and move too fast or make unusual noises in your movements.

John went out before a breakfast that Tammy was preparing for her "favorite" hunter. John still hunted for about 30 minutes when, suddenly, four deer popped out of the underbrush about 40 yards ahead.

He dropped to his knees and fitted an arrow to his string. The four deer stopped and were looking at John; suddenly, a doe stepped out in front of the waiting bowhunter (about 12 to 15 yards from him). Up came the bow, the bow string was drawn back to the face, and the arrow was released, ultimately hitting the deer in the fatal area.

The four deer watched the doe take off. John watched the deer take off also. He returned to the kitchen just as the bacon was becoming crisp. After a hearty breakfast, he had to break down and tell the good news to Tammy.

She grabbed the video camera, and she put the finding of the deer on film.

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"Our schedule remains unchanged until the last trip of the years on October 29th," concluded Capt. Glas.

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## Tri-Parish Bowlers Again Show Stuff At Ag. Bowl

Members of the Tri-Parish Bowling League were facing hot and heavy action again at the Agawam Bowl on Monday, October 23rd.

Still leading the way is St. Louis with 17.5 wins. In second place is Boston College with 16 wins, followed by third place Holy Cross with 14.5 wins.

St. Louis and Holy Cross squared-off in a key matchup on October 23rd. St. Lou got the better of the fray as leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (259), KIM LACROIX (291), and Captain GLEN ADAMS (300) all won their matches. Adams defeated HC anchorman SUE GRIFFIN (296).

Adams is the leader in Men's AA at 108.9 while Sue is second in Women's AA at 98.1. The only winner for HC was third roller JOHN MLINEK (287, 100.10 in Men's B). Audrey Phillips is second in Women's C at 86.4 and Kim Lacroix continues to lead the Women's B at 92.10.

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In the next match, second place Boston College had its hands full against last place St. Anselm (7 wins). And St. A's really socked it to BC on this night. St. A's winners were LOU NAPOLITAN (275), YVONNE CHARTIER (339 - WOW), and "Luscious" LOU MULDER (295). Even though "Luscious" was a bit off (he's second in the Open Class at 108.1), he still had enough firepower to defeat "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (286, third in Men's AA at 101.1).

The only winner for BC was second roller STELLA BARBIERI, and that was a 260-258 struggle over TERRY HILL. Stella is third in Women's B at 85.4. For St. A's, Lou Napolitan is at 82.11 in the Unclassified group and Yvonne is third in Women's AA at 96.0.

Next up on the lanes were eighth place Notre Dame (9 wins) and fifth place St. Mary's (12 wins). ND bowlers carried the night in this one. Substitute "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA hit a big 333 in his victory over FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (302), and the impressive FLO ROCHFORD soundly thrashed JOHN LONGRINI, 325-278. Flo is now the top women's roller in the league at 109.5 and is second overall to "Jollie" OLLY MULDER. Mr. Longrini is struggling to stay near the century mark at 99.7 in Men's AA.

The lone winner for St. Mary's was second roller VENETTA SNYDER (278, 89.11 in Women's A).

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The next two teams to face-off were sixth place Fordham (11.5 wins) and seventh place Catholic University (10.5 wins). It was nearly a clean sweep for CU as first roller PAM BERGIN (273), MARY THOMAS (280), and TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (298) all were victorious. Only "Jollie" OLLY MULDER with a 332-294 victory over "Wild" BILLY GRIFFIN kept Fordham from being swept under the rug. "Jollie" leads the league with a 112.17 average. "Wild" Billy is tops in the Unclassified group at 97.10.

For the winners, Pam Bergin is fifth in the Unclassified group at 86.1; Mary Thomas is first in Women's A at 99.10; and "Not Tony" Curtis is second in Men's AA at 105.7.

In the final match of the evening, fourth place Georgetown (13 wins) faced ninth place St. Michael's (9 wins). It was a St. Michael's event in a match of scores that were not too high. Winners for St. Mike's were MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (274), VI MASSOIA (291), and Captain JEAN BUONICONTI, a surprising 281-276 winner over famous DEBBIE POIRIER. Jean is fourth in Women's AA at 91.0 while Debbie is third in the Open Class at 106.6. But Debbie is not accustomed to another woman in the league scoring higher than her (Flo Rochford) so look for Debbie to pick it up in the coming weeks.

For the winners, "Miss Consistent" Coughlin is at 95.4 in the Unclassified group (good for you, Maybeth) and Vi Massoia (the better half of "Sweet" Lou Massoia) is third in Women's A at 90.8.

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Davilli's Maroon Maniacs	4	0	2	10
Santaniello's Grasshoppers	4	2	2	10
Kelly's Golden Girls	3	3	3	9
Patrick's Red Devils	2	2	3	7
Adams' L. Blue Angels	2	6	2	6
Dobise's Blue Lightning	0	7	1	1

#### UNDER 12 GIRLS

	W	L	T	P
Douglas' Red Devils	6	1	0	12
Spear's Blue Lightning	4	2	2	10
Davilli's Cranberry Cougars	4	3	2	10
Francis' Lady Bugs	2	4	1	5
Prisby's Golden Eagles	0	6	1	1

#### UNDER 14 COED

	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Golden Girls	8	0	0	16
Shaw's Orange Crushers	4	2	2	10
Rosinski's Blue Raiders	4	4	1	9
Ellsworth's Red	2	4	1	5
Gremza's Green Machine	1	4	1	3
Francis' Maroon Maniacs	0	5	1	1

#### UNDER 17 COED

	W	L	T	P
Cincotta's Big Green	3	1	2	8
Blair's Golden Eagles	2	2	2	6
Heneghan's Rotten Oranges	1	1	4	6
Brinn's Blue	1	3	2	4

#### U-10 BOYS

	W	L	T	P
Lyons' Hawks	6	1	1	13
Roos' Yellow Jackets	6	0	0	12
Jacks' White Lightning	3	3	3	11
Martin's Blue Tornadoes	4	2	2	10
Harlow's Green Gators	4	4	1	9
Federico's Blue Dudes	2	2	4	8
Deglis' Panthers	1	3	5	7
Henry's Blue Lightning	2	3	2	6
Meyers' Orange Flames	2	5	1	5
Campana's Rockets	0	7	1	1

#### U-12 BOYS

	W	L	T	P
Fleming's Green Hornets	7	0	0	14
Mouneimneh's Hurricanes	3	2	1	7
Summers' Cranberry Crushers	1	3	2	4
Rosenberg's Sun Devils	1	4	2	4
Adamski's	1	5	1	3



## "Halloween Howler" To Conclude Season At Riverside Speedway

This Saturday, October 28th, it's time for Riverside Park Speedway's "Halloween Howler Enduro," which will be held rain or shine starting at 6:00 p.m. This event has become the most talked about fall event of 1995; 75 cars have already entered, and this event is expanding the entry list to 100.

The "Halloween Howler" is the setting for a marathon endurance event like no other, and marks the last Enduro for the 1995 season.

After qualifying through the death-defying figure 8 heat races, 100 feature drivers will compete for a \$1,000 purse in a non-stop main event. The \$1,000 will make people do the bizarre, as money will motivate the field and "greed" may determine a winner.

Entries will be accepted the day of the event, and cars must be ready and be at the speedway when the pit opens at 10:00 a.m. Inspection will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and this event is themed to Halloween Costume Contests.

The best kids' Halloween costume will earn the winner \$100, as will the best Halloween costume among the adult entries. What's more, the best Halloween-themed painted car will win \$100, and there will be free pumpkins and much more for the fans in attendance.

Besides the "Halloween Howler" (which is a full-size enduro), there will be four death-defying figure 8 races; a four-cylinder, mini-car enduro; half-ton truck races; amateur 4x4 car crashing; police racing for the Jimmy Fund; and a demolition derby.

In addition, this event will feature "real" racing divisions with the open-wheel Pro 4 Modifieds and Strictly Stocks, as well as the Super Stock division.

The Super Stock class will be a Sunday-only support division for the enduro-type events. It will be a developing division beneath the Strictly Stocks. The purse will be limited and only pay 30 positions. The program will feature a point system and have a championship. Legend cars will also be run, plus much more.

The price for this event is \$12.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids (12 years of age and under). Remember, the price of admission also includes entrance for each ticketholder to New England's largest amusement park.

For more information about the Halloween Howler Enduro—the last racing event at Riverside for the 1995 season—call the speedway at (413) 786-9300, star 4.

## Agawam Dynamos Win Soccer Tourney

On this past Columbus Day, the Agawam Dynamos, Agawam's under 11 boys' Pioneer Valley soccer team participated in its first away tournament since being formed this fall. The team traveled to Windsor, Connecticut to participate in the Windsor Soccer Club's 10th annual tournament.

The boys had one thought in mind, to make up for their heartbreaking semi-final loss (in a shootout) at the Riverside Classic over Labor Day weekend. Any extra motivation the team needed was provided before the start of the first game as the parents, led by Chris Marsh and Paul Lagasse, unveiled a huge Dynamos flag which would wave at each game. The boys were very pleased and determined to reward the parents' confidence in them.

The first game was played against the Merrick Storm, a powerhouse club from Long Island, New York. It looked like it would be a long weekend for the Dynamos as the storm played like a hurricane. The first 15 minutes were played in the Agawam end. The Agawam defense, led by sweeper Dave Bienia, stopper Paul Pilegi, and fullbacks Joey Clark, Paul Lagasse, and Brian Marsh, held firm. Goal keeper Joe Stevenson shut the door and the score was 0-0 at the half. The second half started with Agawam gaining more control. Finally, Greg Cizek chipped home a Mike Dombrowski corner kick with 10 minutes left in the game. Agawam continued its pressure and the final score ended at Agawam 1, Merrick 0.

The second game was the exact opposite. Agawam dominated the homestanding Windsor team by a 3-0 score. Goals were scored by Mike Dombrowski (on a penalty kick), Mike McGeoghan, and Bruce LeClair. Assisting on the final two tallies were Dombrowski and Shawn Roberts. This was a game where the entire offense dominated. Turning in solid performances were wings Chris Evans, Vinny Martucci, and Jon Penna. In fact, the entire team played with great composure.

Sunday dawned bright and clear and the Dynamos continued their fine play. The morning game was played against the Glastonbury War-

## Riverside Speedway Plans Annual Banquets For November 17th & 18th At The Oaks

Riverside Park Speedway, under the direction of Ben Dodge, has "SOLD OUT" its two NASCAR Winston Racing Series Awards Banquets. The November 17th and 18th banquets will boast 1,500 people in attendance.

A point fund for Riverside's five divisions will exceed \$71,000 and will be presented in full at the banquets. The formal affairs will take place at Ben Dodge's "official" banquet facility—The Oaks, located at 1070 Suffield Street, Agawam.

The Pro 4 Modifieds, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks will be honored on Friday, November 17th. On Saturday, November 18th, the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds and Pro Stocks will be in the spotlight.

The top 15 competitors in Riverside points will receive point money. The Modified tour-type regulars will share \$31,359.51; the Pro Stocks, \$18,967.23; Late Models, \$14,202.20; Strictly Stocks, \$5,075; and Pro 4 Modifieds, \$3,190.

At the banquets, Dan Avery—the Winston Racing Series Modified Champion—will receive \$8,882.00, with point checks to be presented to the top 15 and trophies to the top 10 owners and drivers.

Pro Stock Champion Tom Carey/Joe Bean Auto will receive \$3,305; Late Model Champion Gee Perry, \$2,596; Strictly Stock Champion Ken Marques, \$1,000; and Pro 4 Modified Champion George Savary, \$1,150.

Besides the Point Money, the special awards for the NAPA Auto Parts Mini Series will be presented. Dan Avery is the NAPA Modified Champion (\$600), followed by Dave Berube (\$400), Ed Spiers (\$300), and Doug Meservey (\$200) to round out the top four. Checks will include Championship awards. The Pro Stock NAPA Cham-

pions include Tom Fearn (\$400), Jeff Connors (\$200), Tom Carey (\$100), Ed Carroll (\$100), and Scott Bouley (\$100).

The Late Models include the NAPA Champion Todd Owen (\$300), Chuck Docherty (\$200), Gee Perry (\$100), Fred LaForge (\$50), and Joe Czarnecki (\$50). The Strictly Stock NAPA Champion is Mike Salmond (\$200), followed by Tom Dileo (\$100) and Ken Marques (\$50). Meanwhile, the Pro 4 Modified NAPA Champion is George Savary (\$50).

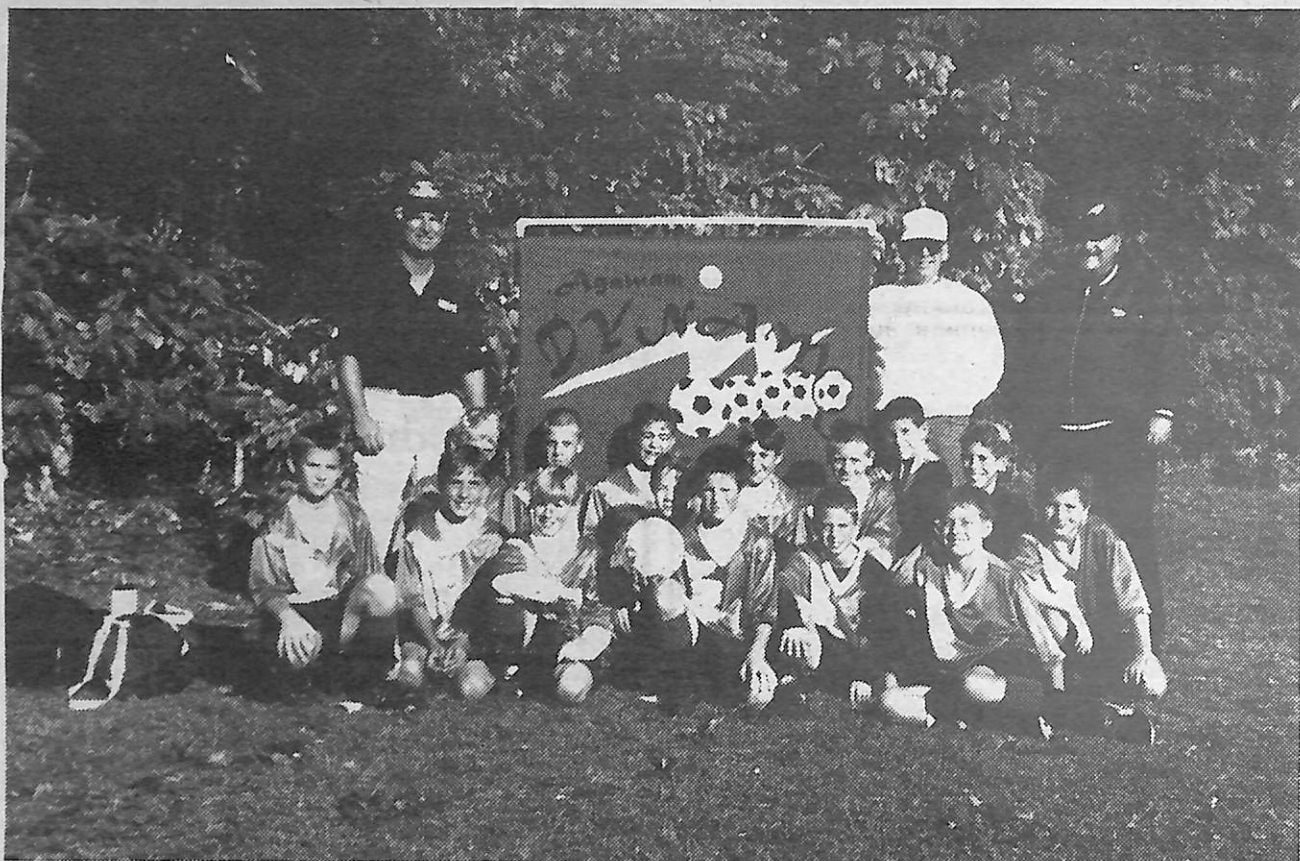
"Snap On Tools" also posted a mini point fund. The Modified "Snap On Tools" Champion is Dan Avery (\$500), followed by Doug Meservey (\$100) and Dave Berube (\$200). The Pro Stock "Snap On Tools" winners include Jeff Connors (\$500), Jeff Horn (\$300), and Doug Dell (\$200).

The Late Model "Snap On Tools" Champions are Gee Perry (\$250), Fred LaForge (\$125), and Rocky Mazziotto (\$125). In the Strictly Stock "Snap On Tools" series, the winners are Rick Leavitt (\$150), Ken Marques (\$100), and Scott Naleber (\$100). For the Pro 4 Modifieds, the "Snap On Tools" Champion is George Savary (\$100).

Other special awards will include "Rookie of the Year," "Most Improved," "Hard Luck," "Best Appearing," and "Most Popular," plus prestigious awards such as the "Sue Dugan Memorial," the "Gene Murphy Award," and the "Rollie Jacobs Award."

Over \$15,000 worth of actual trophies and plaques will be presented, and the sold-out functions will feature dancing and premiere information on the 1996 season at Riverside Park Speedway.

The 1996 season starts March 23rd at Riverside, and season tickets are now on sale! For more information, call the speedway at (413) 786-9300.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM DYNAMOS, winners of the Columbus Day Soccer Tournament in Windsor, Connecticut in the Boys' Under 11 Division.**

riors a traditionally strong opponent from Connecticut. With midfielders Ryan Ward, Mike Dombrowski, Zeke Cizek, and Shawn Roberts controlling the ball in the center, the Dynamos went on to win by a 2-0 count. Goals were scored by Dombrowski and McGeoghan.

The afternoon game was different. Agawam knew they would have their hands full as their opponent, the Newington Blaze, came with their hair dyed red, the team's color. This served only to motivate the Dynamos more. In perhaps their finest game of the season, the Dynamos were sensational. This was a fast paced, physical game from the outset. The Agawam players consistently beat the opponents to the ball.

They were rewarded when Bruce LeClair converted a centering pass from Mike McGeoghan for a quick lead halfway through the first half. Shortly before the half ended, Agawam added to its lead as stopper back Paul Pilegi blasted a goal from 10 yards outside the penalty area. Who says defensemen can't score!

The goal, however, served only to ignite the red haired team. The second half began with Newington in control. Agawam was only able to muster on occasional foray into Newington land by Dombrowski or McGeoghan. Finally, with time wearing down and the score 2-1, Zeke Cizek headed a Dombrowski corner kick into the top corner of the net and Agawam had won the right to play for the championship on Columbus Day.

The championship game was against the South Windsor Bobcats, a team beaten by the Dynamos

at the Riverside Classic by a score of 2-1. It was clear that the Bobcats had revenge on their mind as they were at the field at 7:00 a.m. for the 8:00 a.m. game. The Dynamos, however, brought their fans and by game time it was standing room only circling the sun-drenched field.

Early on play was equal with both teams having good scoring opportunities. Jon Penna, Agawam's keeper, made a terrific save on a Bobcat breakaway to keep the game even. About midway through the half, Mike Dombrowski, who consistently placed his corner kicks in position all throughout the tourney, did one better. He swerved this kick into the upper corner and the Dynamos had scored the all-important first goal. Just seconds later, Bruce LeClair, camped at the post like a good goal scorer, banged home a Shawn Roberts cross for a 2-0 lead. The second half was much like the first. Dombrowski scored on a penalty kick and Joe Stevenson blasted a nifty pass from Chris Evans past the shell-shocked Bobcat netminder. The final score was 4-0. It was a fine win for the boys who celebrated by painting their bald coaches' heads and their own hair orange.

Members of the Dynamos, Dave Bienia, Greg Cizek, Joey Clark, Mike Dombrowski, Chris Evans, Paul Lagasse, Bruce LeClair, Brian Marsh, Vince Martucci, Mike McGeoghan, Jon Penna, Paul Pilegi, Jon Sikes, Joe Stevenson, Ryan Ward, and coaches Jim Stevenson, Steve Pilegi, and Ken Cizek would like to thank the parents and the Agawam Soccer Association for all their support.



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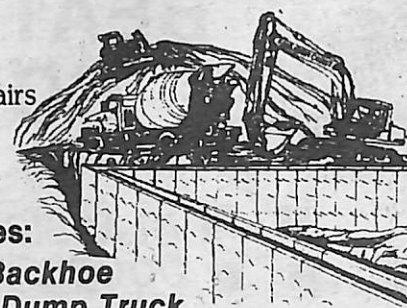
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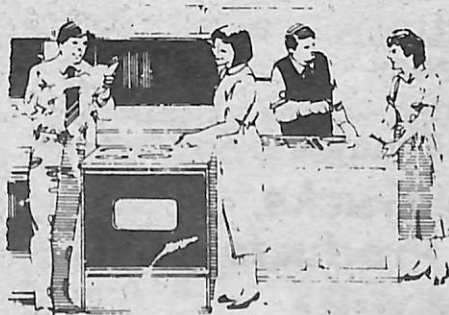
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**WANTED:** Teacher looking for P/T babysitter 3 days a week for 2 toddlers in my home. Non-smoker; references. Call after 6 p.m. 786-5218.

**WANTED:** Looking for a mature person to run my Family Day Care from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Call 786-3371 in Feeding Hills, Mass.

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## TAG SALE

**TAG SALE:** Spencer Street, Agawam. Children's items (crib, playpen, toys), sports (asst. items), electrical appl., clothes, and much more. Sat., Oct. 28th, & Sun., Oct. 29th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**TAG SALE:** Saturday - Oct. 28, 9-5, & Sunday - Oct. 29, 9-12. First tag sale in 10 yrs. Toys in gd. cond., household items, clothes. Scary low prices. Free candy for kids. 34 Sylvan Lane - off North St., F.H.

## PERSONAL

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved, adored, glorified, and preserved now and forever.

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**FREE DOGS:** Will give free dogs to a good home. The first dog is a 19 month-old Sheltie (Miniature Collie). Has all shots and is neutered. The second dog is a nine month-old Shepherd-Rottweiler. Has all shots and is neutered. Call 786-7517.

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**FOR SALE:** 280 Z, 1975. Parts, new injectors, engine/interior good condition. Best offer. 786-3433 after 7:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Screened loam. \$13.50 yd., free deliver Southwick-Westfield area. On-site screening of your loam available. Faulkner Construction, 569-0724 or 357-6470.

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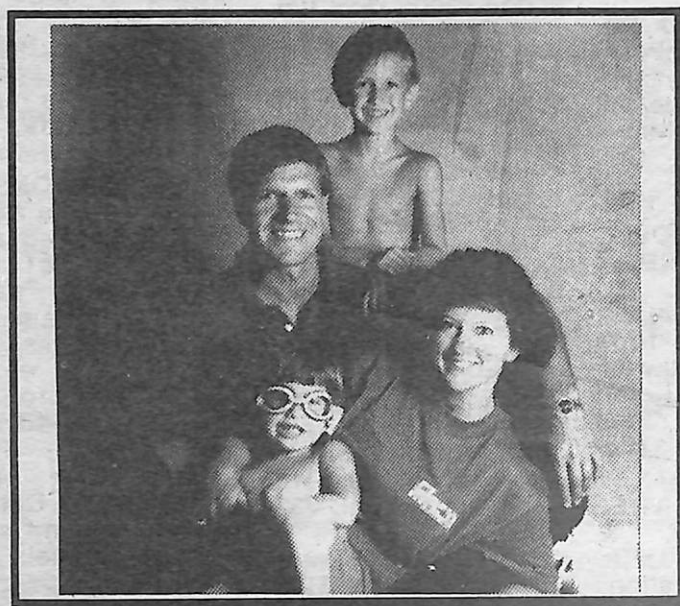
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